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Get ready for a tax hike

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County councillors are planning to maintain services and go ahead with two massive projects – Connect Haliburton and the creation of an in-house economic development office – despite a 20 per cent increase in the budget over last year.

Warden Jim McMahon started last Monday's budget deliberations by saying, "it's not a good budget." The county still doesn't know how much the province will be contributing so any decisions they make now are a "gamble."

McMahon suggested the county would "not be doing constituents any favours" by not moving forward with plans to open an economic development office, bring high speed internet access to the county via Connect Haliburton, and do roads work. He says all three are vital for future economic stability.

Treasurer Laura Janke said the hike in the budget is due to wage increases, continuing costs for GIS and 911, road maintenance due to provincial downloading, and increased costs for social services. In the latter area alone the county's share of social housing has increased from 21 per cent to 39 per cent.

She said the overall impact of the budget is an approximate $43 increase in county taxes per $100,000 of assessment. This means instead of the $209 paid last year, the levy would call for $252 per $100,000 of assessment.

The province is not making the job of county councillors or staff any easier. John Gerretsen, municipal affairs minister, recently announced a $200 million transition fund to pay the municipalities for providing downloaded services such as social housing and ambulance services in 2003

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Wanakita winter

Indigo Moran, 8, gots tangled up in the low ropes at the annual Winter Fun Day hosted by YMCA Camp Wanakita a few weeks ago. There were many other ways to beat the winter blues, tobogganing, and skating to name a few.

Composer scores a hit in the Forest

IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Special to The Echo

A new attraction is coming to Haliburton Forest and it promises to boost the area's economic and artistic stature.

Peter Schleifenbaum, owner of the property, was in Toronto last week to announce a five-year partnership with internationally-acclaimed composer R. Murray Schaffer and Patria Music.

Schleifenbaum said that the environmental theatre that Schaffer produces through Patria meshes well with the conservation aims of the Forest.

"People from all over the world come here to experience our Canadian wilderness, which remains almost as it was when the Europeans first encountered it. Murray's outdoor works are so quintessentially Canadian that our union with Patria Music/Theatre Projects is a perfect match," Schleifenbaum said. "It also gives a huge boost to eco-tourism and economic development in the Haliburton Highlands."

Schaffer's relationship with Haliburton Forest began more than 16 years ago when Schleifenbaum allowed him access to his private grounds for an eight-day music retreat dubbed the Wolf Project. The retreat has returned to the Forest every year since.

Schaffer refers to the weeks he spends in Haliburton as a "productive and happy time."

After performing around the world, Schaffer decided to give his creative works a permanent Canadian home and automatically turned to the Haliburton Forest.

"I have always been grateful to Peter," Schaffer said, adding that he has great respect for the environmentally-friendly way that Schleifenbaum cares for his land.

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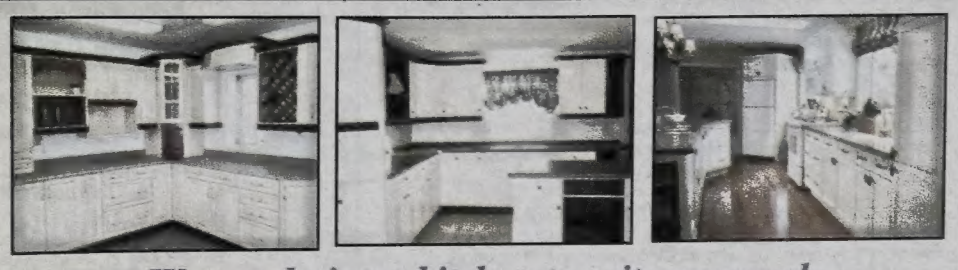
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Charity CD raises funds for tsunami relief

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news and events worth noting

LIKE EVERYONE who watched the images from the Boxing Day tsunami and ached with compassion for the hundreds of thousands of people whose lives were affected by the devastating waves, the musical group called Tymes 3 wondered what they could do to help. Since music was their passion, they decided to record a one-song CD, with all the proceeds going to Save the Children. Collaborating with singer/ songwriter David Archibald, who just launched his CD on songs about the Frost Centre at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton, they came up with In the Children's Eyes. Tymes 3 is a trio that plays at community events, festivals and for all ages. Their sound is a combination of each member's expertise and varied backgrounds including rock, folk, classical and accapella. To order the CD e-mail singletn@kingston.net or visit www.angelfire.com/band2/tymes3.

Curves in Haliburton will be joining forces with other branches of the 30-minute fitness and weight loss centres to collect donations for the local food banks. Anyone joining Curves the week of Maarch 7 may bring a bag of groceries and have the normal service fee waved. Even if you don't sign up, you are welcome to drop off food donations at Curves Monday through Friday during business hours throughout the month of March. Last year the Curves food drive collected more than 4,000 tons of food. Curves in Haliburton is on Highland Street.

The Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network presents a workshop on digital photography given by award winning local photographer, Darren Lum. It will take place at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Room 10 from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. on March 16. Please call Pauline Johnson at 705-489-3878 to register in advance.

Congratulations to Fleming College, which has won two provincial honours in marketing and fundraising from the provincial College Committee for Advancement. Fleming earned first place in the general image campaign for its new brand and the Friends of Fleming College Foundation won first place in the major gifts/capital campaign after its highly successful efforts to raise money for the expansion projects at three campuses, including Haliburton.

Olympic bronze skating medallist Don Jackson, the former Men's World Champion, is helping the community centre in Bobcaygeon celebrate 50th anniversary. He'll be performing at the skating carnival on April 2 at 7 p.m.. the next day the Peterborough Petes will take on the Bobcaygeon All Ontario Selects. Call 705-738-9999 for details.

SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo

Curves for heart

Cindy Bartoli, far right of cheque, accepted this $2,335 donation from Curves on behalf of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The women at Curves collected pledges for a workout session and raised $1,110, an amount matched and topped up by the Curves Corporation. Top three fundraisers were Judy Neimann, Karen Lytle, and Carlene Smith.

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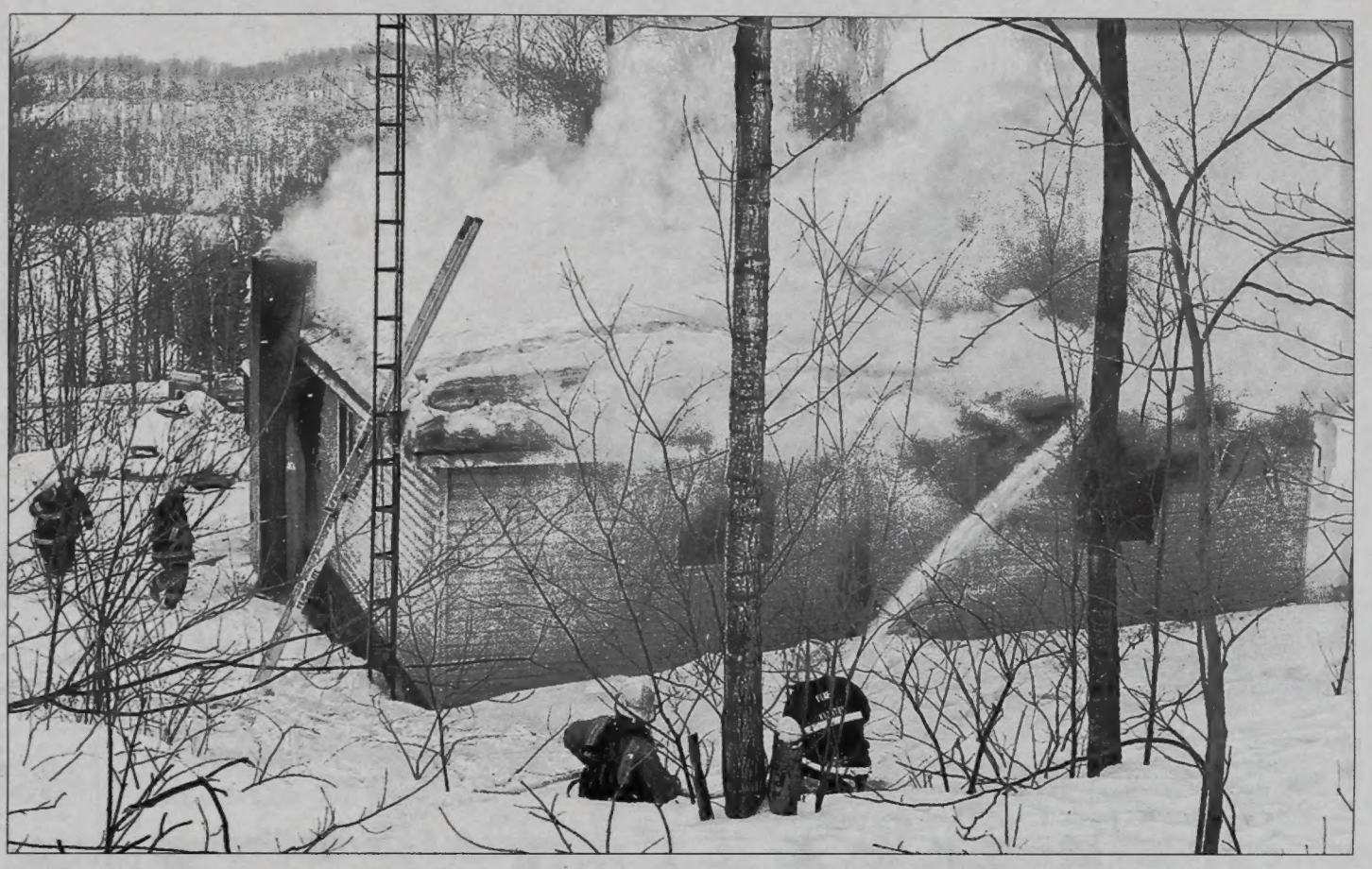
Couple loses house on fifth anniversary

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter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The driveway leading to this house on Essonville Line was so steep that Highlands East firefighters had to be transported to the burning house by snowmobile. A fire alarm awoke the sleeping residents, who managed to escape unharmed.

A couple who had just finished celebrating their fifth wedding anniversary are lucky to be alive after narrowly escaping a fire that completely devastated their home.

Last Tuesday morning the couple was awoken by a smoke alarm. They were greeted by ceiling-high flames in their living and dining room.

Making a hasty exit, they called the fire department from a cordless phone at 7:44 a.m. Highlands East Fire Department immediately dispersed three stations to the house on Essonville Line Road.

"Because the fire got a head start on us, it was already through the roof," says Fire Chief Don Middleton. "They were extremely fortunate that they had a working smoke alarm that got them out of the building."

The apparent cause of the fire was the misuse of candles, according to investigations from the insurance company, the OPP, and the fire department. No one was hurt in the fire but damage to the single-family dwelling is estimated at $175,000.

Firefighters were on scene for almost seven hours before the fire was completely out. Middleton says it was never safe for firefighters to enter inside because the fire was too far advanced, which meant all they could do was surround the building and slowly drown the flames.

The couple's steep and long driveway also made access difficult for fire vehicles – apparently even the homeowners park at the bottom of the driveway –forcing the firefighters to be shuttled up hill by snowmobiles. Firefighters laid hose by hand and pumped water from a hundred yards out on the side of the road.

OPP closed Essonville Line Road for the entire duration of the fire, clearing the way for three tankers, which were continually shuttling water from a nearby lake.

Strange Brew rockin' for charity

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

Months after the initial flurry of concern for the victims of the Southeast Asia tsunamis, the crisis has oddly dropped off from the public radar – despite the dire need for continued aid. Rock band Strange Brew is hoping to remind Haliburton the crisis has not magically disappeared.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School band, named after the 1967 Cream song of the same name, is staging a benefit concert in the school cafeteria on March 9 from 7:30-10pm, with donations going to tsunami relief.

"The school did their part back in January. They raised a lot of money but we wanted to do our part and get the community involved," says guitarist Jake Ruddy.

"Everyone been rather quiet about it since it happened a few months ago," says Bassist Ben Young. "We just wanted to remind people that it's still out there."

The band wasn't able to arrange the concert amid the onslaught of initial school fundraising activities, but the boys were persistent and eventually given the green light for the benefit concert.

Formed two years ago, Strange Brew's repertoire consists of rock – Jimmy Hendrix, The Rolling Stones, The Tragically Hip, and Led Zeppelin – mixed with some blues, funk, and even jazz. Ben Young also said the band may throw in a couple originals.

The show is open to the entire community and admission is based on donation.

LANCE CROSSLEY/Echo
Rock band Strange Brew will be staging an all-ages benefit concert at the HHSS cafeteria on March 9 from 7:30pm-10pm. The band hopes to see a big turn-out for the event and says that donations will go toward tsunami relief efforts in Southeast Asia. Left to right: drummer Joe Young, bassist Ben Young, guitarist Jake Ruddy, and vocalist Cedric Butz.

Firefighter's death felt keenly by friends who tried to save him

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

As his colleagues tried in vain to save his life, Brian Sararas, a member of the Highlands East Fire Department, unexpectedly died last Tuesday evening of what appears to be a massive heart attack.

The 42-year-old Cardiff firefighter had just come in from snow blowing his driveway when he took off his jacket, leaned in to kiss his girlfriend, and suddenly collapsed. Fire rescue workers received the call about 5:45 p.m. and were on the scene within three and a half minutes, but, Fire Chief Don Middleton says, it was already too late.

"They did CPR until an ambulance arrived. They tried shocking him but to no avail, unfortunately," says Middleton.

"Brian was a very active member in the fire service: very knowledgeable, very pleasurable, and a very nice guy."

Sararas had been a firefighter at station one in Cardiff for the last two years.

Just the white stuff

Two-year-old Julia Reeve loves the taste of winter. Julia was with her brother Michael and father Jason at the 3rd Annual Boomstick Bay Winter Carnival on Saturday, Feb. 26. Donations were being accepted for Sir Sandford Fleming College.

DARREN LUM/Echo

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Hospital enforces visitors' policy as beds continue to fill

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

While the Haliburton Hospital is a very busy place these days, the increase in sick patients is typical for late winter, says the director of acute and ambulatory care.

"I wouldn't say there's an outbreak [of any particular kind of illness]. It's the time of year and the strange weather we've been having," says Susan Reid.

The emergency department has seen a lot of people with upper respiratory problems accompanied by coughs and sore throats. A few patients have also developed pneumonia.

The acute care ward now has an average occupancy of 95 per cent and there's been a "huge shift" in the types of patients. Before, many patients were waiting to be transferred to another type of facility, such as long-term care. Now patients truly are sick and require more care.

Reid says there is a way for people to reduce the strain on the emergency department: help everyone avoid getting sick.

"Stop going to work and sending the kids to school when you're sick," she says.

People should also exercise "proper cough etiquette" – covering their mouths when they sneeze.

Everyone should wash their hands frequently to prevent the spread of germs; some people like to carry around the disposable hand sanitizers. As well, people should try to keep themselves healthy by eating properly.

"They're the basic fundamentals," she says.

Because of the high number of patients, the Haliburton Hospital has had to enforce its policy on visitors.

Patients in the emergency department can have only one visitor at a time. Children, can have two visitors. In the acute care wing people can have two visitors at a time except for palliative care patients who can have more visitors.

The hospital wants to respect the way the community supports its sick friends and relatives but it also needs to avoid have four or five people in a room at a time.

If you are dropping someone off for a visit, the hospital asks that you not wait in the emergency department's waiting room since this is a prime way to catch an infection.

Dysart splits road boss's job

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Dysart's roads superintendent is having to spend so much time on his other duties as fire chief that the municipality has decided to split his roads job in two.

"It's too much for me to do," Miles Maughan says of his double duty as Dysart fire chief and roads superintendent.

He will become the roads department's operations manager and the municipality will hire a new roads superintendent.

"I'll still oversee roads department in terms of budget and buying equipment but the superintendent will do the day-to-day things."

Maughan says that last year was a particularly challenging juggling act.

"We had emergency planning stuff that we had to do – it was mandated. That took two months," he says. The fire department also successfully underwent a review by the Fire Marshall's Office.

Maughan also serves as the county's mutual fire aid co-ordinator and the community emergency management co-ordinator for Dysart.

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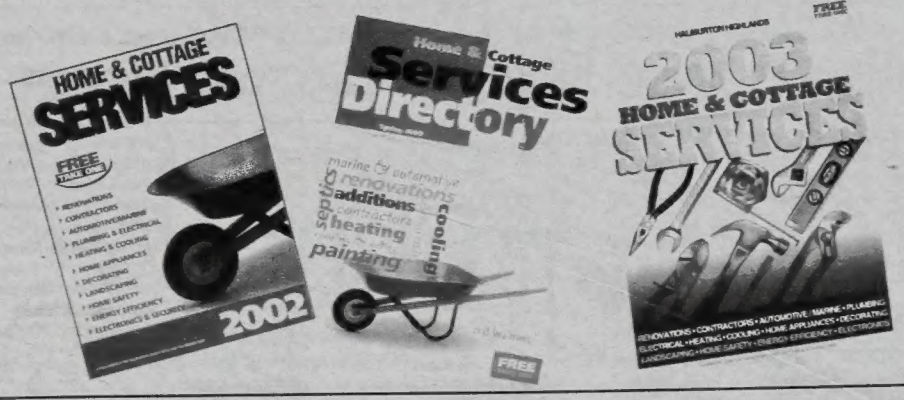

Connect Haliburton worth the pricetag

echo **editorial**

martha perkins

COUNTY COUNCILLORS know that property owners are not going to be happy with them when they get their next tax bill. It's likely to contain another increase. Depending how much money the cash-straped province throws into the pot, it might even be quite a hefty increase. Coupled with rising property values, home and cottage owners are going to be feeling 2005 in their pocketbooks.

But the county cannot make false promises to keep this year's budget in line with last year's. It's not doing anyone a favour to keep postponing projects that are vital to the county's future prosperity. Look at what happened when we delayed getting 911. The provincial funding pot was empty so local property taxpayers had to foot the entire bill. The early bird gets the funding.

Funding is also getting harder to find for Connect Haliburton, the project to bring high speed infrastructure to the Highlands. The project has taken years to get to this point, and was at risk of going nowhere when federal and provincial funding dried up (in part because we had not yet submitted our full application.)

We cannot grow as a county if the majority of our residents must still rely on dial-up service. While satellite connections are available in most of the villages it's very difficult to get the technology to the lakes, and that's where the greatest potential for benefit is.

Imagine if cottagers could do more work from their cottage. How many would give up the Friday evening pilgrimage if they could do more business from their lakeside retreat. Maybe the retreat could even become their home.

Technology-based businesses are exactly what everyone's been calling for over the past two decades. Nice, light industry that doesn't pollute the environment? You've got it. People can work from home or new offices can be created, not new factories.

It's hoped local young people could also benefit. While internet-based businesses do little to help those who wish to find work in the skilled trades, those who are computer savvy would have a few more windows on the world open to them by having high-speed available throughout the county.

The pricetag is high: $213,000 this year on a $637,000 project. But the price of not moving forward is even greater.

Let's hear it for Arbour Day

In Carman Coumbs' well-deserved tribute to Pat Bain, he mentions Arbour Day. What ever happened to Arbour Day? Although it was little more than a glorified reason for students to be able to spend an hour outside after the winter hibernation, it did serve as a reminder that we are all responsible for our environment. With the snow no longer covering the detritus of hundreds of young bodies, it pushed home the realization that there isn't always someone picking up after us. Sometimes we have to do it ourselves. It made students take more responsibility for their school.

It's too bad that Arbour Days have been reduced to nostalgia.

Winter thaw at Eagle Lake *Photo by* DARREN LUM/ECHO

Learning from others

marion hare **perspectives**

RECENTLY THREE AMERICAN amputees from the conflict in Iraq were interviewed at Walter Reed Hospital. They were asked if they were satisfied with the training they had received. Two of the men gave the usual clichéd answers, but the third replied: "We need to learn more about other countries and their peoples and why they think of us as they do."

In its context it was a surprisingly astute and thoughtful answer because in the U.S.A. American history is the main focus of their education in history.

It was the same when I was a kid. Up here at our summer place, we Canadians always teased them about thinking that theirs was the only history of importance. Of course, we were just wallowing in our insignificant mouse image beside their elephant one.

In truth we all learn far too little about other times and other places. A friend from Paris, France was visiting us in California. She addressed a letter home, and the last word was Paris. I commented that she had forgotten to put on the country name. She looked at me in astonishment and said, " I don't need to; there is only one Paris." I shocked her by telling her of Paris, Ontario, and commenting that there were probably many such in the world.

It is not difficult for us today to seek to learn more about just where other people are coming from, in their thinking and their actions. Most significantly our young need this wider focus, for they are tomorrow's decision makers. It is not just facts but understanding, and that comes to a great extent from learning about their histories, how they got to where they are from where they were, and how that is different from our ways and attitudes.

Judgments made long ago affect so many of the opinions we have today. For example, once upon a time several hundred years ago, people in Europe looked upon mountains as barriers and dark and dangerous places.

Then came the age of 'awe,' to a great extent promoted enthusiastically by the English poets of the Romantic period. Mountains came to be thought of as magnificent, awe inspiring, and challenging. Ease of transportation had not yet appeared on the horizon; so that was not a rationale for the change; however people who lived with only hills and dales began to change their attitudes and see mountains as friendly places. Mountains were to be viewed, to inspire awe, to be climbed. That was probably the first modern extreme sport - the thrill overpowering the fear gradually became the 'in' thing.

I was reminded of attitudes when the windmills were proposed for the farmland near Picton. The uproar was great. The main reason given was that they would mar the view of the landscape.

That is their regional attitude, but many windmills for many years have lined a highway in the Bay area of California, and they were considered to be a tourist site. To watch so many of them whirling on the horizon was thought to be a delight. Neither opinion is right nor wrong; they are attitudes that have just evolved from a different sets of historical circumstances.

That is but a minuscule example of how our opinions form and become hardened. Without a historical perspective we begin to think of them as facts. So much of the shock that Americans have voiced on learning that they are often not well thought in the Iraq of today comes, as the soldier said, from not learning sufficiently about other peoples and trying to understand why they think as they do.

That is the role that historical teachings can give us all through our lives. With knowledge and understanding of the facts we can become good at compromise, which is probably the best deterrent to conflict that we humans have ever devised.

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Hard as nails

THERE ARE TIMES IN LIFE when a father is expected to make the supreme sacrifice for his children. Instead of dodging the bullet he must jump in front it. Instead of running wildly, he must stand firm, deflecting danger so that his family can go on unscathed by the horror. It's often a thankless pursuit but perhaps the noblest part of being a man. Not only does it show love in a macho John Wayne kind of way, it also demonstrates a dignity that appears pure and born of the moment. Wearing dark pants helps.

I found myself in just such a predicament the other day when my daughter Carmen, with nail polish in hand, had my son cornered in the living room.

"Noooooooooooo!" Ryane screamed in that desperate way perfected and handed down by unwilling Galea men throughout the eons.

"Yes, Ryan," Carmen responded coolly, "Mom said so."

Tales from

Vinegar Hill

steve galea

"Mom said what?" I asked nervously as I arrived on the scene.

"Mom said that if Ryan didn't clean his fingernails by dinner time, I could paint them," Carm stated, while brandishing her nail polish brush in a very aggressive and menacing manner.

"Carmen," I said, ducking behind the first available cover, "that's not going to happen. Put down the nail polish."

"No," she screamed wildly, "I want to paint nails! I... must... paint fingernails."

She looked at me in that scary way mastered by little girls who've just discovered their mother's cosmetics. There'd be no reasoning with her. Still, I had to try.

"Carmen," I ordered, "step away from the nail polish. It's not too late for this to end well. Let Ryan walk. We'll get you help."

She shook her head in defiance while my terrified son sat firmly on his hands. And then, without warning, Carmen lunged at him with a brush dripping with Passion Pink (#810).

They say that heroes are just ordinary people caught in extraordinary situations, so I guess I can't really take credit for my actions. Any great man might have done it.

All I know is that, suddenly, everything reverted to slow motion just like in the movies. And then, in the most unselfish act of bravery that I have ever stuck around to witness, I leapt between Carmen and her brother, catching a dab of nail polish, intended for Ryan's pinky, squarely on the thumb. My male ego was mortally wounded.

At this point, lesser men would have fainted. But I knew I had to hold on, if only for Ryan's sake.

"Take me instead! " I yelled, holding out my remaining unadorned fingers. "He's too young for this!"

I'll never forget the blurred look of appreciation on Ryan's face as he sprinted off. It was almost worth the humiliation and degradation that followedlater that evening.

"What were you thinking?" Carol giggled as we lay in bed. "That's not even your colour. You're more of an autumn."

"Actually, I think the colour offsets my skin tone quite nicely," I replied with more than a hint of resentment.

Her derisive laughter ensured that we went to sleep without the obligatory minute or two of romance that I'm sure she had secretly been hoping for.

The next morning I completely forgot about my nails and went out ice fishing.

Unfortunately, it was a beautiful day - the kind that doesn't require gloves. So, when a fellow ice angler arrived at my hut, he couldn't help but notice my fingernails, especially since they shone like jewels as I demurely lowered line.

"I heard you spend a lot of time fishing alone," he said uneasily, "but I had no idea it was this bad...."

"Oh, this," I said. "I was just demonstrating my love in a macho, John Wayne kind of way," I assured him.

"Look," he said, "what a man does in the privacy of his own ice hut is nobody's business but his own..."

"But, I only did this to save my son from certain embarrassment."

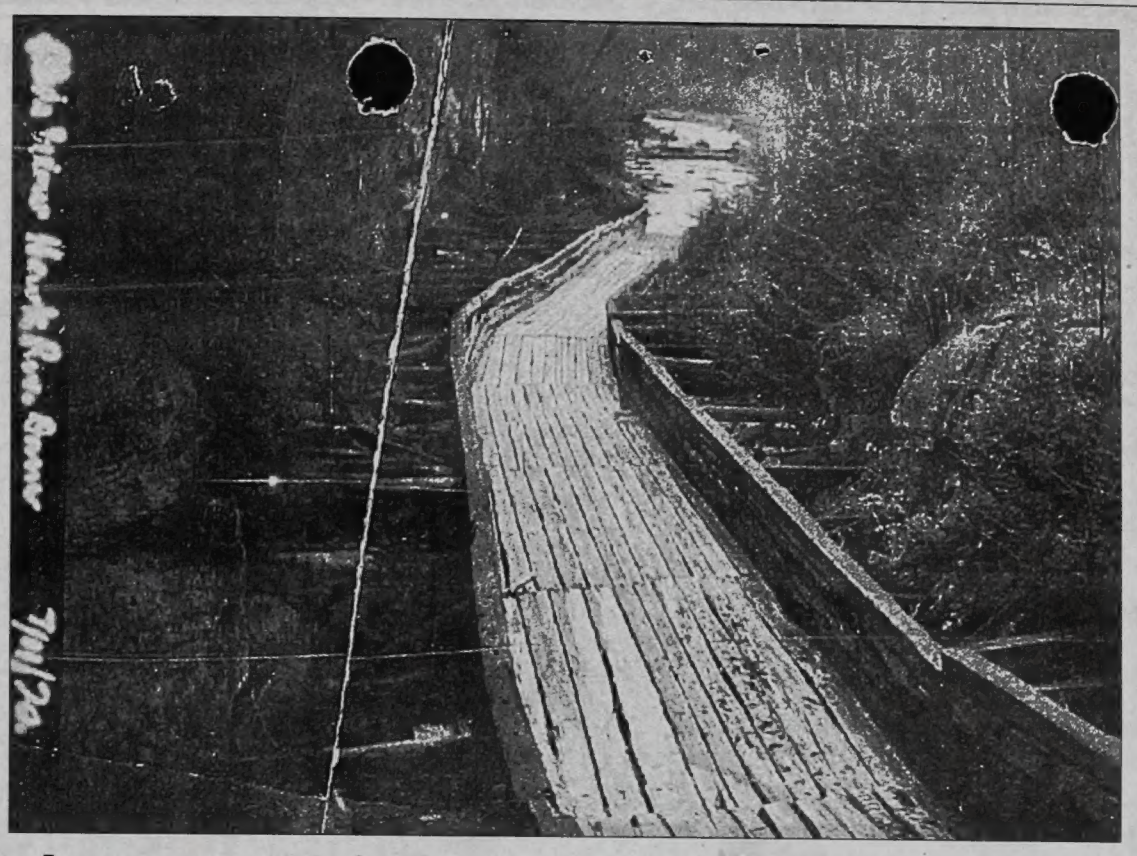
He quickly packed up and left but not before questioning my sanity. When I got home I immediately found the nail polish remover and eradicated all traces of this cosmetic nightmare.

Carm took this as a sign that I wanted to experiment.

"Daddy," she cooed sweetly, "can I paint your fingernails a different colour today?"

"Do you think I'm crazy?" I answered. "You will never paint my fingernails or Ryan's ever again," I asserted. "Understand?"

Sensing the authority in my voice, she quickly bowed. And I couldn't help but smile. Heck, I never take off my boots and socks when ice fishing anyhow.



pic *of the* past

WHEN SPRING FINALLY ARRIVES, work will begin on restoring the historic Kennisis River log chute. A popular tourist attraction and a valuable historic resource, the old chute has been dismantled and will be rebuilt by Larry Hewitt. You can find out how you can help with the project by visiting www.stanhopemuseum.on.ca.

letters to the editor

Old Mill Pond dispute may be settled

To the Editor:

I think my battle with James Atkinson, the biologist from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, is over, thanks to our MP, Barry Devolin.

Irene Cook, deputy clerk for Highlands East, and Mr. Devolin arranged a meeting with James Atkinson and others on February 28 in the council chambers of Highlands East. It was resolved that a dam would be built north of the culverts to bring the Old Mill Pond back to its former level, before DFO ordered the new culverts put in two feet lower than the original ones, causing devastation to my property and making it dangerous for anyone out on the pond. If the Trent Severn Waterway took out a log, it sent thousands of tons of water down into the pond with no buffer water for escape.

It is too late for Percy the swan, he was washed down into the Irondale River, while trying to get home to nesting Mary, he was killed on County Road 503. But after the dam is built, Mary will come home from her boarding kennel and I hope a friend will be found for her. They say swans only mate once in a lifetime.

So I hope all is well that ends well.

Mabel Winder
Gooderham

Most farmers not asked to meeting

To the Editor:

This letter is being written to clarify a possible misconception created by the front page article entitled "Minister vows to fight for farmers" in the March 1, 2005 Echo.

The misconception is created when the author of the article points out (on page 10) that only one farmer from Haliburton County was in attendance. It should be noted that this was a closed door meeting. If this meeting had been open to all farmers in the area there would have been a larger group present.

We would like to inform your readers that Haliburton County has an active farmers' association that endeavours to promote the interests of all people involved in any type of agriculture in our county. We have an annual general meeting in January, executive meetings almost every month and information seminars on such topics as soil management, etc. We arrange Environmental Farm Planning sessions, a petting zoo at the fair, bus trips to other farms and host various pot lucks and social functions for our membership. A newsletter is sent out on a regular basis and is supported through the sponsorship of many local businesses.

If you are involved in agriculture in any way in Haliburton County and would like more information about the local farmers' association, please contact Jim Davis at 286-1709.

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Haliburton Forest to host 12 outdoor operas

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The two friends decided to enter into a partnership where Schleifenbaum will provide the space for Schaffer's production. Each year in late August, one production from the Patria's repertoire of 12 will be performed.

Since the announcement, the staff at Haliburton Forest has been busy. The area around Bone Lake is being developed to allow people access to the production. Some access roads and paths have already been created and plans are in the works to build some accommodation for the cast and crew. Over the next two years, Schleifenbaum will also build a storage building for equipment and a museum structure.

Joseph Marcello, president of Patria's board of directors, is very pleased with the project.

"It is a special partnership," he said, referring to Schaffer and Schleifenbaum. "It is a bond between two people who have known each other for years."

The organization is also working together with the Haliburton Arts Council to finds ways of collaborating with individual arts organizations in the area.

The travelling display of art from the Rails End Gallery will be displayed at the Haliburton Forest during the production period. In exchange, a multi-media exhibit of Schaffer's work will be housed at the gallery in August.

A joint exhibit of environmental art is also being planned with enviro-artist Reinhard Reitzenstein, Marcello said.

He wants to encourage those residents who want to volunteer or get involved with the production to contact Patria.

"We are looking for a lot of community involvement," he said.

Schaffer's productions have been labeled environmental theatre, but that label fails to encompass the full experience of being present at one of his shows.

In August of this year, Schaffer will present The Enchanted Forest, which requires an audience of up to 200 to move through the forest from scene to scene.

IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI/Echo

The president of Patria's board of directors calls the relationship between Peter Schleifenbaum, owner of Haliburton Forest, and composer R. Murray Schaffer, "a special partnership."

The premise is that a child is lost in the forest. The production takes place at night under the cover of darkness, with the audience being lead through the woods by a choir of children. To find the missing child, they will seek the help of wondrous creatures and have to battle an evil wizard.

Eleanor James, a mezzo-soprano and Schaffer's life partner, calls the shows "a life-altering experience."

It calls people back to nature and allows them to experience the production, not just watch it, she said.

When James first started performing with Schaffer, she found the thought of singing outdoor frightening.

"I didn't know what to expect," she said. "But it turns out that the forest is more acoustically-friendly than a concert hall. I was never afraid after that."

In the upcoming production, James will star as Mother Earth.

Haliburton's Kathryn Boyd, who has performed in Michael Fay's recent production, has been cast as one of the two birds.

"I am excited that this is happening in Haliburton," Boyd said at the press conference.

Although the agreement between Haliburton Forest and Patria is for only five years, both parties agree that they seek a longer term agreement.

As a forester, Schleifenbaum says he likes to think in five-year plans.

"We will go from there," he said.

Schleifenbaum believes that the Haliburton community will embrace this exciting new venture.

"It is very rewarding for Haliburton that Murray's work will come to rest here."

The Enchanted Forest will take place August 24 – September 2, 2005. Tickets are $50 regular, $40 for seniors and students. For more information or to get involved with the production, please contact Patria Music/Theatre Projects at 416-596-8585 or www.patria.org.

Students honour friend

Eco-tourism students at Fleming College are hoping to raise $3,000 this month to purchase a bench in the Sculpture Forest in memory of Sabrina Ford.

Ford was killed in a car accident near Minden during the Christmas holidays. A much-liked and respected graduate of the class of 2004, she had been managing the café at Bwana John's in Haliburton.

"It is very important that we all remember Sabrina for the great and caring person that she was," says classmate Nathalie Gara-Boivin in an e-mail to her colleagues. "Sometimes we can get wrapped up in our daily lives and day to day stresses. But we need to remember to enjoy each and everyday and every moment because it truly is a gift and it can be taken very quickly without any notice. This is why we want to remember Sabrina in a very special way that will last and help up remember the special person she was."

The students had considered setting up a bursary in Ford's name but felt they could not raise enough money. "Having a bench with a plaque would be a great way to remember her and would give people the chance to enjoy the sculpture trail in Haliburton."

If you are interested in donating to the memorial bench, please call Gara-Boivin at 1-877-554-9426.

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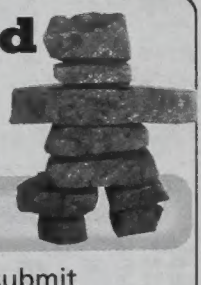

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Canadian artists are invited to submit proposals for a one-of-a-kind bench for the Haliburton Sculpture Forest located in Glebe Park in the Village of Haliburton, Ontario.

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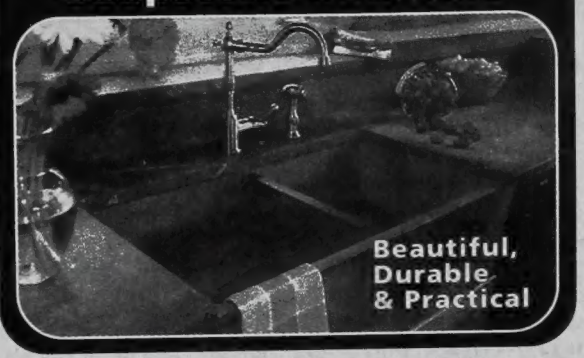

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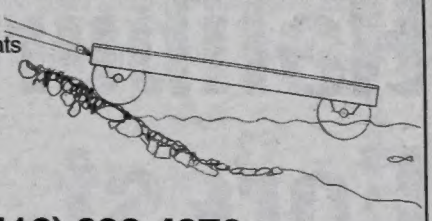
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Storm sweeps Braves

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MARY MACPHEE

Special to the Echo

Highland Storm 7 Brighton 1

On February 26, G. J. Burtch Construction Highland Storm Midget AE took to the road to start their next round of playoff games against Brighton.

The Storm moved ahead at the end of the first period with a 2-0 lead. The first goal was scored by the daring duo of Hunter and Pettit, with the goal going to Devin Hunter and the assist to Tim Pettit, The second goal was scored by Max Ambridge with the assist credited to Tyler Watson.

The second period was dominated by the Storm Up 4-1 the Storm ran into some penalty trouble in the third period that could have become a stumbling block, but they played through it. Tim Pettit scored his second and third goal. Great job Tim! Joel MacPhee was in net for the Storm, for the first and second periods and J.D. Crowe came in for the third to hold onto the Storm's lead.

Final score Highland Storm 7 Brighton 1. Scoring for the Storm: Two goals and two assists from Devin Hunter, three goals and two assists by Tim Pettit, one goal by Max Ambridge, one goal and three assists by Kenton Winn, and one assist each by Tyler Watson and Billy Kulas. Well done Storm!

Highland Storm 3 Brighton 0

The next day the Midget AE faced off against Brighton in Minden.

The G.J. Burtch Construction Midget AE Team (1st row, left to right) Brian Gallagher - A. Trainer/Coach, Joel MacPhee, J.D. Crowe, Jim Winn - H. Coach. (Middle row, left to right)Tony DeCarlo - A. Coach, Joe Gallagher, Matthew Clements, Adam DeCarlo, Kenton McGann, Devin Hunter, Kenton Winn, Bill Kulas - Manager. (Back row, left to right)Tim Pettit, Adam Trueman, Billy Kulas, Mackie Campbell, Pat Prevost, Zach Pierson, Max Ambridge, Gavin Hicks, Josh Townsend, Tyler Watson, Kody Smith, Gary Smith - Trainer

It was another exciting game to watch. The first period had the only goal scored by the Storm. Billy Kulas had a great play with the puck being deflected off his skate sending the puck back to the Brighton zone.

The second period was scoreless; however, the penalties were gathering momentum.

By the start of the third period the Storm came out with a winning attitude, scoring two goals for a final score Highland Storm 3 Brighton 0.

Tim Pettit continues to remain a strong force for the team and Matt Clements continues to play hard. Kenton McGann, too, continues to play stronger and harder with each game and Kenton Winn always gives his best. The Brighton team tried to get the tempers and penalties going and this was weathered well by the Storm. Joel MacPhee took care of the net-minding duties and remained strong for the entire game ending for his first shutout.

Scoring for the Storm: one goal by Kenton Winn, one goal and two assists by Tim Pettit, one goal by Max Ambridge, and one assist each by Josh Townsend, Devin Hunter, Matt Clements

Highland Storm 6 Brighton 3

Entering into this third game of the series on March 5 in Minden was a true test for the Storm. The pressure was on to win, and the crowds came out to watch the game. This was great to see on a Saturday night.

The Storm came out strong scoring their first goal at 13:45 by Max Ambridge assisted by Zach Pierson and Tyler Watson. Brighton came back with a goal at 10:32 and went ahead by a penalty shot scored with Joel MacPhee in net for the Storm to end seemed to be the longest period of the game with Brighton ahead 2-1.

The second period was scoreless, with great efforts put forth by both teams. Tremendous spirit and energy was shown by Tim Pettit, Max Ambridge, Josh Townsend, Kenton McGann, Devin Hunter, Tyler Watson and Zach Pierson, yet none of this could have been done without the full participation and amazing efforts of the entire team.

The third period opened with a goal by Tim Pettit assisted by Josh Townsend and Kenton McGann. This tied the game at 2-2.

Brighton scored their third goal at 12:38. Devin Hunter came back with an unassisted top shelf goal before Tim Pettit scored to take the lead assisted by Josh Townsend. Josh came back with an unassisted goal at 1:42.

Coach Jim Winn called a time-out at 1:10 to keep the team focused on their game and Tyler Watson scored an empty netter assisted by Max Ambridge with one minute remaining in the third period.

Final Score Highland Storm 6 Brighton 3.

Girls say thanks for inaugural hockey season

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The coach of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School girls' hockey says the team's future now rests with them.

After three years of attempts by HHSS players Jenny Perrott, Nicole Manary and Kourtney Matysek to start the program, the girls' team finished their first unofficial season a few weeks ago.

Now that the team is established, complete with its own set of jerseys, HHSS Head Coach Dave Chambers said there is little preventing the program from becoming official.

"The hope for next year is we could have a team and we could join the Kawartha girls hockey league," he said. "It is a possibility as long as we can field a team... It's up to the girls, really. It's kind of in their hands and out of my hands," Chambers said.

Their season, comprising of exhibition and tournament games, started slowly. With each game they made steady improvements, even falling just one game short of advancing to the March Classic tournament final at the Ice Gardens in North York.

"They came together as a team and a lot of them were learning the game of hockey for the first time," Chambers said. One player in particular, the team's goalie Nicole Lyddiatt, started with very little experience, but made vast improvements.

The team was a mixture of advanced and beginner players. Some players had never played hockey before and they were learning as much as Chambers, who had only coached boys teams. The experience taught him a few things about girls.

"The girls are just as aggressive and probably just as tough if not tougher than guys," he said.

He cites their recent tournament in North York.

"Sherri Walker smashes her head off the ice. She's down and obviously hurt. She shook it off and sat out for a little bit. After she convinced me she was fine, during her first shift back out on the ice she scores a goal to cut the lead 3–2," he said, recalling the second period against St. Peters. "Jenny Perrott, who went into the boards, butt ended herself. The stick got stuck in her ribs. She bruised her ribs and knocked herself out of the morning game. She played in the second game that day...

"They'll get knocked down time and time again and they get up every single time and keep coming and keep playing."

Assisting Chambers was Ginny Heming and Butch Manary with advice provided by former NHLer Ron Stackhouse. Heming played hockey at Queen's University and has been a regular instructor with Hockey Haven. Her coaching experience brought along the beginners as well as rookie coach Chambers.

Being pressured throughout the season by the founding trio of Perrott, Manary and Matysek, Chambers was never without motivation to enter the team in as many tournaments and exhibition games as possible. He adds that he needed the push since his time was split with teaching and coaching snowboarding and football.

"It meant so much to them. Once I really saw that I tried my best to get them into as many exhibition and tournament games," he said.

He believes this season is testament to their determination; this program, it's hoped, will be a legacy they can be proud of.

"Without Jenny Perrott, Nicole Manary and Kourtney Matysek then it wouldn't have happened. They got it started," he said. "I demanded a lot out of them in games and they demanded a lot out of me."

Chambers and the team also thank HHSS boys hockey coach Ron Yake for providing Wednesday ice times.

All three girls will be graduating at the end of this year and are thankful to the community for the oppor-

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2005 Kawartha Snowboarding results

Event: slalom and giant slalom
Top six HHSS results

Sr Boys
1. Gavin Swan
3. Dylan Metcalf
4. Scott Fennell
6. Gavin Hicks

Sr Girls
1. Julie Johnston
3. Alana Lacy
4. Jaime Pettas

Jr. Boys
1. James Allison
2. Max Ambridge
4. Kyle Evans
5. Tyler Watson
6. Stephen Roome

Jr. Girls
1. Natalia Rico
4. Jen Cumming

DARREN LUM/Echo

Sr. Gavin Swan takes a turn in the COSSA slalom at Sir Sam's Ski Area on Friday. Swan's first place at the Kawartha snowboarding event earned a berth to the Ontario Snowboarding Championship. See COSSA results next week.

Overtime goal dashes Atom Storm's playoff bid

NANCI HUNTER

Special to the Echo

On February 24, the Highland Storm Atom A team was out to keep the playoff series going for as long as they could after the previous disappointing weekend with Oro. Strategy had been discussed and the team was ready to put the practice drills into effect.

Brett Yake set the tone early in the first by slipping one past Oro's goalie before she had a chance to see it. Following right after that, DJ Howorko scored to let Oro know the Storm meant business. The battle was back and forth, and you could feel the anticipation and anxiety coming from the parents and spectators. Both teams fought hard.

The backchecking from Nick Hunter, Tanner Ballantyne and Mike Mazara was phenomenal. Dillon Upton and Jordan Howe were busy digging in the corners. Stephan Schollig was giving it everything he had by intercepting passes and setting up plays. Many shots were fired by both teams and with less than a minute left in the first, Ryan Hunter managed to poke one in as he was falling.

The defence of Zach Boice, Jon Salvatori, Jon Rae and Cole Rowden had their work cut out for them the rest of the game. The crowd was on the edge of their seats with their fingers crossed. There were so many close calls.

Oro managed to get a goal in each of the next two periods and kept the Storm from scoring again. Knowing their goalie would be pulled, many of the spectators pulled a "Nelson" and just couldn't watch the final minute. However, the whole Storm team pulled together and was able to use up precious seconds clearing the puck and stonewalling Oro to the final buzzer. The Storm won a close but well deserved 3-2 game.

Rob Lewis played the game of his life, stopping many shots, and built up a good sweat sliding from post to post and trying to follow the puck amongst the scuffles in front of him.

A few days rest and it was back to Oro for the do-or-die game on Saturday February 26. Again, both teams worked hard forechecking, backchecking and digging in the corners. Many shots were fired and there was a lot of thudding and pinging but no goals were scored until shortly into the second when Oro scored. Marc Dobie forced the pain in his shoulder out of his mind and made many awesome saves. A few minutes later, Jordan Howe set up a beauty play enabling Brett to score. Oro took the lead during a questionable powerplay but with 15 seconds left, Ryan made a pass to DJ who popped it in to send the game into overtime.

The Storm looked like a tired bunch out on the ice and it was a scramble to gain control. They worked hard but Oro poked one in halfway through OT and sent our boys home. A trip to Pizza Hut on the way home had the kids forgetting their loss and enjoyed the friendships made on the team.

The boys would like to thank all the fans, family and friends for coming to their games; the support was greatly appreciated.

The next day started the Muskoka-Parry Sound playoffs against Huntsville. The kids were more relaxed and the goals came fast and furious with Nick Hunter starting them off 30 seconds into the game. Goals continued by Ryan Hunter, DJ Howorko, Cole Rowden, Tanner Ballantyne and Jordan Howe, with assists going to Brett Yake, Stephan Schollig, Zach Boice, John Rae, Cole, Ryan, Nick, Jordan, and Tanner. Storm won 8-2.

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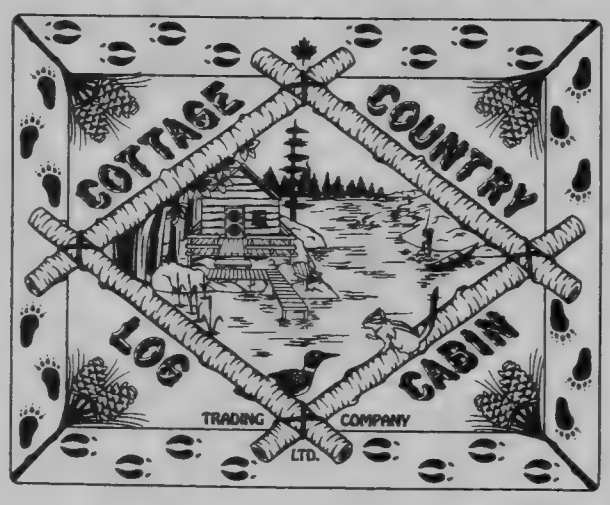

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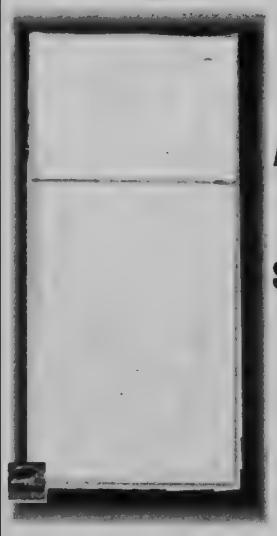

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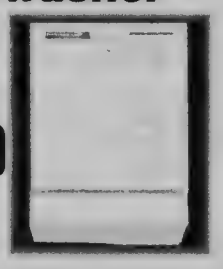

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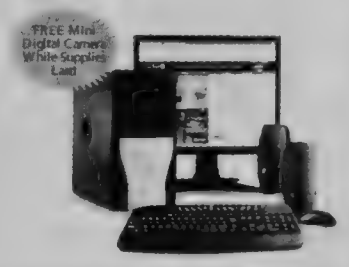

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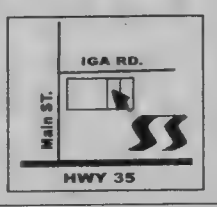

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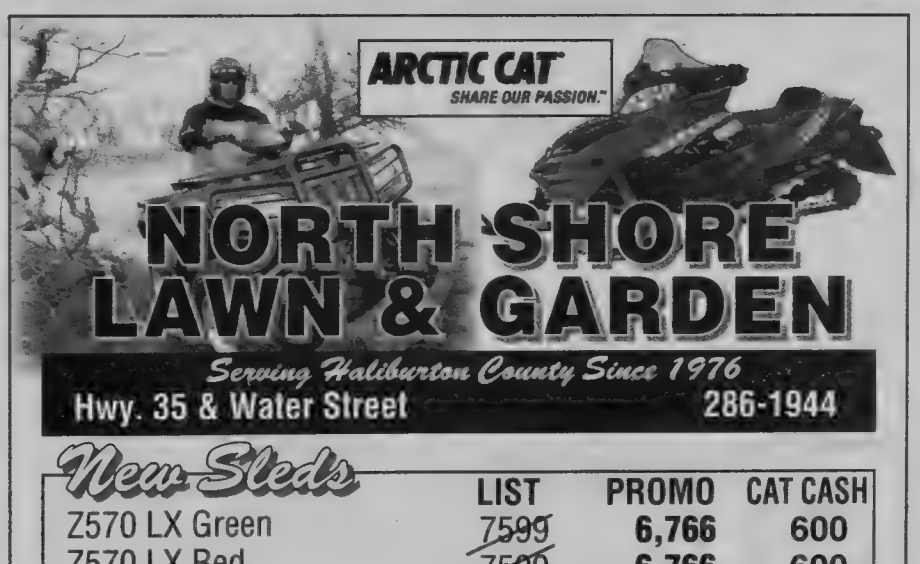

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Credit given to community

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tunity to play for their school in a sport they love.

"Without that we wouldn't be anywhere. [We thank] everybody that supported us from the coach to the trainer, and to Mr. (Gary) Brohman for allowing it," Matysek said. "We were getting money from elderly people who really had nothing to do with the school system or hockey. For somebody to contribute to us for the sake of us making something happen in this community, knowing they helped us, it's really cool. I love how the small town helps out kids who need it."

Chambers is grateful for his opportunity and is optimistic about the program's future.

"Without the support of the community we wouldn't have been able to run a team," he said. "Because of that they've really established something for the future...it can happen in the future even if it's not next year. There's no reason it can't happen."

Note: *Kerry Heming scored her first competitive hockey goal during the fourth game of the North York tournament against St. Peters from Barrie.*

CHRISTIE CHESTER/special to Echo

The HHSS junior girls volleyball team includes (from left, back to front) Ashleigh Schollig, Brandi Reid, Sarah Morgan, Sherri Walker, Jessica Pottier, Jordyn Archer, Meghan Bottum, Brittany Hicks, Erin Nicholson, Brooke Hamilton , (captain) Natasha McGann, Mary Spielbergs, and (assistant) Natalia Rico.

Defeating top seed not enough for COSSA berth

ECHO STAFF

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks junior girls volleyball team fell short by one match to advance to COSSA in the Kawartha AA playoffs on Feb. 23 at Holy Cross in Peterborough.

They earned their semi-final berth by capturing first place in their pool (that included Cobourg West, Holy Cross and Kenner), winning five of six games. In their opening match the Red Hawks dominated the pool's top-seeded team from Cobourg West (25 - 6, 25 - 20).

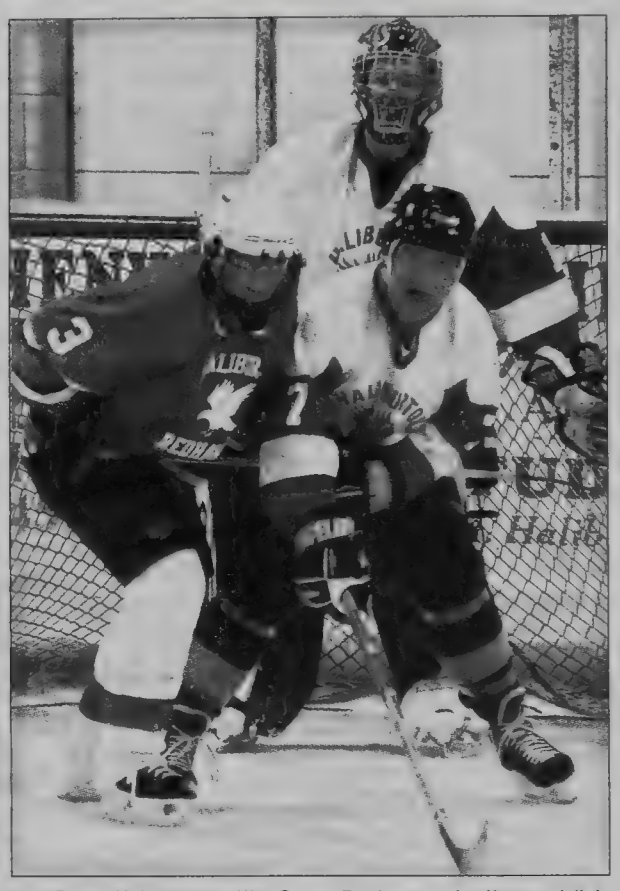
HHSS Head Coach Christie Chester said this win was a definite highlight to the team's season.

Splitting their match against Holy Cross (25 - 22, 10 - 25), the Red Hawks finished pool play strongly taking both games (25 - 20, 25 - 16) against the Kenner Rams to capture first in the pool.

Their surprise win against Cobourg West couldn't be duplicated against the Lakefield Tigers and were eliminated from the playoffs (10 - 25, 20 - 25).

Chester adds even with the loss of five second year players she expects next year's team to be strong. Rookie player Erin Nicholson, who was a starter, is expected to return next year. She encourages summer volleyball training.

Among the losses include team captain Natasha McGann and assistant Natalia Rico. Chester said they performed "great, fantastic jobs."



DARREN LUM/Echo

Jenny Perrott jostles with Gary Brohman in the exhibition game between the HHSS and the its teachers.

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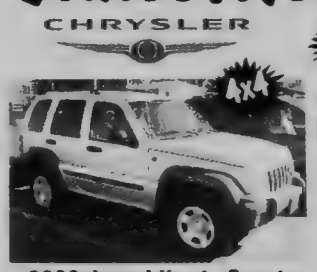

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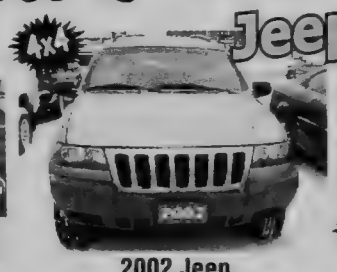

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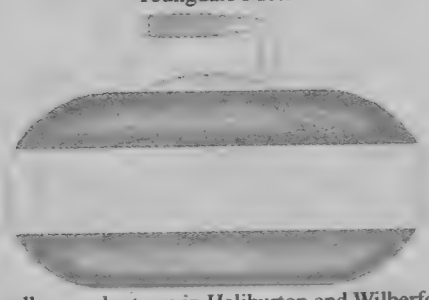

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Hockey thrives in Glen Dart players' hearts

53rd annual Glen Dart Memorial Tournament, Friday, March 11 - Saturday, March 12

The 2004-05 hockey season will be remembered as the time when the National Hockey League arenas remained dark and when the NHL players remained idle. Hugh Nichol, convenor of the Haliburton County League, reports that this has not been the case of the Haliburton and Minden arenas. There has been no lockout or strike for the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association's non traveling teams where everybody plays for the love of the game.

This is the spirit that Glen Dart brought to hockey in Haliburton County and why the County league players will cap their season on March 11 and 12 playing the 53rd Annual Glen Dart Memorial Hockey Tournament at the Dysart Community Centre in Haliburton.

The County League has grown in leaps and bounds since its beginning four years ago with 88 players. It now has three divisions and 147 players.

This year features a new division, the Junior Timbits sponsored by Tim Hortons, for players five years old and younger. The Timbits offer an introduction to hockey for the youngest players concentrating on basic skills with an emphasis on skating. The intermediate division for six–to–nine year olds consists of seven teams. The senior division for players ten years and older has been expanded to include 13 and 14–year–olds and now has four teams.

The popularity of the County League means that for the first time there will be a banquet strictly for the County League players. The end of season celebration will take place following the Glen Dart Tournament at 6:00 p.m. sharp upstairs at the arena. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend and asked to please contact Hugh Nichol to let him know prior to the tournament.

Harry Brohm presents James Roberts (Novice B player) with a trophy on March 28, 1998.

The final game of the tournament will feature Highland Storm Tri–County Tykes hosting the Orillia Terriors.

Wade MacInnes, Highland Storm Tournament Convenor, encourages everyone to come out to the Glen Dart Tournament to see that hockey is alive and well despite the NHL stalemate. There are sure to be lots of memories. At the same time it will be time to remember two of Haliburton's hockey greats from years gone by. Harry Brohm and Buck Baker have passed away since last year's Tournament. Both Harry and Buck were hockey teammates of Glen Dart and have been great supporters of the Glen Dart Tournament over the years.

Buck Baker presents trophy to Jim Pearson on March 26, 2000.

Glen Dart tournament schedule

Friday, March 11

Game 1: 6 p.m. Junior Timbits
Game 2: 7 p.m. Leafs vs. Sabres
Game 3: 8 p.m. Bruins vs. Flyers

Saturday, March 12

Game 4: 8 a.m. Canucks vs. Sharks
Game 5: 9 a.m. Redwings vs. Canadiens
Game 6: 10 a.m. Avalanche vs. Bruins
Game 7: 11:00 a.m. Sharks vs. Wild
Game 8: 12 p.m. Junior Timbits
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Ontario Trails heading to Haliburton for spring conference

Trail enthusiasts are being invited to "Share the Experience" at the Ontario Trails Council Conference in Haliburton.

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Trail workshops take place on April 29 with a full conference schedule planned for the remainder of the weekend.

Highlights include:

- creative conflict resolution among trail users;
- a Trail Building Certificate by the International Mountain Bike Association;
- a look at Active 2010, the provincial government's new comprehensive strategy to increase participation in sport and physical activity throughout Ontario; and
- minimizing environmental impact on trails

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Provincial funding up in air

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and 2004. To date there has been no announcement on how that money will be allocated.

The Community Reinvestment Fund, Ontario's largest transfer payment to municipalities, is being replaced by a new model that Finance Minister Greg Sorbara says will add an additional 6.1 per cent to the pot but again, no details have been announced.

Janke says that leaves her in the dark as to what to budget for CRF, ambulance funding, the federal gas tax and COMRIF, a roads grant. She says a 2004 surplus of $200,000 has already been added to the working capital and has done little to cushion the blow.

A black hole in the budget continues to be ambulance cross border calls that are not being paid for. A staggering unpaid bill of $842,601 has been accumulated since 2001 when the province walked away from the co-ordination of ambulance services and told municipalities to sort it out.

McMahon says Renfrew County is suing the City of Ottawa over its cross border calls. He says Haliburton's neighbours seem to be waiting to hear how the case is resolved before paying their bills. Bob English, emergency services manager, said he has changed the way ambulances are deployed to reduce the number of cross border calls.

Janke knows that the 911 project ran over budget but does not yet know by how much. She is estimating the cost for 2005 to be $262,468. Councillors decided that when someone applies for a building permit they will also have to purchase a 911 number plate at a cost of $75 and be responsible for replacing it.

The problem of numbers and letters peeling off the 911 signs is the responsibility of the company of that installed them and they will be replaced at no cost to the property owner.

Another added cost for the county is the $65,000 allotted for new books for the county library system. The system is currently below provincial standards and councillors agreed that to have a functioning library they need to add to, and update, the current collection.

County Librarian Joel Levis said that since they started adding newer books last year an additional 500 users have been added to the system.

Janke says the biggest hit to the county is the roads budget which accounts for 59 per cent of the county's total costs. Doug Ray, department manager, says there is a 16 per cent increase in his budget but 14 per cent of it is due to owing $600,000 for work done last year.

The largest project is reconstruction of the former Highway 648; the lowest tender came in at $989,135. The county has a roads plan calling for $2 million of construction per year for the next five years.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested they borrow the money through a provincial low interest program to pay off the roads department's ongoing debt. Council agreed to apply for $1.2 million but, once approved, may borrow significantly less depending on how much funding the province funnels through to the county over the course of the next month. Janke says the impact of borrowing the money will be to lower the necessary tax increase to 10 per cent.

During her presentation she also said that Haliburton County's residential levy over the last three years has remained the lowest out of 12 eastern Ontario counties. Last year, the county's residential tax rate increase was just under two per cent while the others, with the exception of Frontenac, exceeded three per cent; half of the increases were more than four per cent.

McMahon says Haliburton County's efforts to hold the line on tax increases has meant savings for residents who will now have to pay for deferred costs.

Community Care gets $5,000 from Dysart council

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from the recent Dysart et al council meeting.

The township approved a $5,000 donation for Community Care (formerly known as Haliburton County Home Support Services), matching the previous year's total. The agency, which provides support services to seniors and physically disabled adults, needs to raise just over $31,000 in order to qualify for funding from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. (The MOH accounts for 81 percent of the agency's budget).

Roxanne Casey told council that more than a third of their clients live in the municipality, and of the 156 active volunteers, 62 reside in Dysart et al. Casey also said that if a dollar figure was put on the community's volunteer work, it would reach almost $60,000.

As of last week, Home Support is now called Community Care.

Museum resignation

Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Gerald Irish from the Museum Board and the Glebe Park Committee. Irish had to scale back his volunteer activities because of health reasons.

Curling Club

The Haliburton Curling Club has asked for council's support in its application for COMRIF funding, a government program that offers money for rural municipal infrastructure projects.

A letter from curling club president Chester Howse stated that a steady increase in the club's membership means it is now necessary to expand the club. Howse wrote that the clubroom is overly crowded and that the washrooms and change rooms are inadequate.

Reeve Murray Fearrey conceded that the club has grown too big for its britches but added the request will have to be assessed in conjunction with other possible funding projects.

Swimming lessons

A request from Kathryn Woods to use Pine Lake beach from July 11 to August 19 during work week hours was approved by council. Woods needs council's permission for use of the beach in order to conduct summer swimming lessons. Permissions was granted contingent upon attaining the necessary insurance coverage.

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Scanning & Using Pictures	**DATE** Tues, Apr 26, 2005
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CPR Basic Rescuer (Level C) Recertification	**DATES** Fri, Apr 22, 2005
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Drawing II	**DATES** Tues, Apr 19 – May 17, 2005
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Young people shine in public speaking

BRIAN HAMBLY

Special to the Echo

On February 6, the Haliburton Legion hosted its annual public speaking contest. This year 17 speakers participated in four different categories. Every speaker is to be commended for excellent work, both in the preparation and presentation of their speeches.

The Legion wishes to thank the teachers and administrative staff at Stuart Baker Elementary School, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School and Haliburton Highland Secondary School for promoting and organizing time for the students to prepare their speeches.

The Legion also thanks the parents who took the time to work with, to support and encourage their children in this endeavour.

Without volunteers there would not be a public speaking contest. Judges had the most difficult task of all. They were Wendy Vermeersch, Paul Johnson, Suzanne Sovereign and Joan Cameron.

Thanks also to our Legion members who volunteered their help. They included Ethel Galvin, Billy Pickard, Ed Pickard, Wilf Guenette, Bill and Gail Scott, Jean Fletcher and Mary Hambly. The opening ceremony was conducted by Present Jean Fletcher.

Below is a list of the results in the various categories.

Grades 1, 2 and 3 Division: One entry. The winner was Tom Paul.

Grades 4, 5 and 6 Division:

Speakers included: Caitlyn Griffin, Lauren Snelgrove, Jillian Mayhew, Jessica Duchene, Elaine Searle, Joshua Wright, Shelby Elstone.

The winners were: Joshua Wright, Caitlyn Griffin and Lauren Snelgrove.

Grades 7, 8 and 9:

Speakers included: Holly Quibell, Daniel Wright, Nadia Shivji, Lindsey Hawley, Lindsey Snelgrove, Madison Espie, Tamara Poropat.

The winners were: Nadia Shivji, Holly Quibell, and Daniel Wright.

Grades 10, 11 and 12:

The winners were: Lisa Wright and David Wright

The first place speakers from each group will advance to the Zone Level competition. The Royal Canadian legion branch in Brechin on Saturday, March 5. Registration and refreshments from 12 noon with the competition starting at 1 p.m.

We wish each of our competitors continued success. If they win there, they will then move on to compete at the District Level.

SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo

Telling it like it is ... and winning

Students blew away judges with their humourous and serious takes on various issues during the annual public speaking contest at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129. First place winners are Tom Paul in front from the primary division, then from the left Nadia Shivji intermediate, Joshua Wright junior and Lisa Wright senior. Each winner will be able to proceed to the zone level and from there may be able to reach the district and provincial levels. There are cash awards at each level with the provincial prizes ranging from $100 to $1000 for the senior divison.

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In a heart-renching monologue that brings the play to a dramatic finish, Benton Brown as Tom reveals what happens when innocent views of war are shattered.

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Never Such Innocence Again sets a new standard for local theatre

Review by Martha Perkins • Photos by Darren Lum

There's a moral ambiguity to the First World War that, almost 100 years later, is still hard to define. Unlike the Second World War with its clearly identifiable villain, Adolf Hitler, and its themes of freedom and courage, the First World War has no real bad guy. Yes, some archduke got shot but what did he really matter? Was his death, and the turf war it signified, worth the hundreds of thousands of lives that were lost by war's end?

Perhaps it's because the justification of the Second World War is so clearly defined that we're tempted to cut the First World War some flack. No one really back then knew what they were getting into. The world was changing, and our views of our role in it were still somehow stuck in the past. Besides, given that so many Canadians died in those muddy trenches in France, who wants to disparage their memory by wondering whether their sacrifice had any purpose?

In *Never Such Innocence Again*, playwright Michael Fay takes us back to a summer's evening in August of 1914. As an audience we are aware of the outcome of the next four years. The characters on stage are not afforded such a luxury. Instead, their opinions are based in part on their personal convictions, and in part on how much the culture of the day colours those beliefs.

Last week, Highlands Little Theatre shone a light on that period of our collective psyche in a way that powerfully illuminated both the naivety of Canada as a nation and the seeds of our desire to be the world's peacekeepers, not war makers. The men who came back from Ypres, the Somme, and Vimy Ridge were scarred physically and psychologically. The experienced horrors and deprivations they never dreamed possible when they signed up to fight for King and country. For those left behind, the devastation of the war was not felt until its end. First there was the deadly 1918 Spanish 'flu epidemic – spread around the world with ruthless ease by all those returning soldiers – and then there was the realization that an entire generation of men – husbands, fathers, inventors, poets, business leaders – was gone. For women, whose primary source of financial security was marriage, the loss of all those husbands was

See **Grace** *page 22*

Love finds its roots in a shared hatred of war as Kathryn Boyd as Vera and Mark Johnston as Robert, discover what the constellations have in store for them.

Kathryd Boyd's performance as a peace activist is so lumniscent that she threatens to overshadow those around her.

Grace and anguish create memorable tableaus

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not a trifling matter.

Fay manages to deftly weave all of these themes in and out of the lives of the eight people on stage: four men, four women, strong and memorable characters all. And with Caryl Miller as the director of the first production of his first play, Fay found a strong ally. Miller creates some beautiful moments and memorable tableaus using the soft, warm lighting of an August night, authentically rich and detailed costumes and a sense of both the grace and the anguish that rest inside our souls. (Set designer Doug Brohm is also to be congratulated on simply but effectively evoking a Haliburton lodge of days gone by, with a deer's head over the mantle and lace on the dining room table. The starry night sky projected on the backdrop turned day into night with believable ease. All that was lacking was the familiar creak of the screen door.)

For the war are John Payne played by Michael Johnson and Tom Ross played by Benton Brown. John has the confident swagger of a smart young man who after making his patriotic mark by joining the war plans to return to study law and, it's hoped, get into the family business of politics. His uncle, a looming but unseen presence, is the Minister of War, a fictionalized version of Eagle Lake's own Sir Sam Hughes, who was the (discredited) Minister of Militia in 1914. It's his uncle who, through bad financial decisions and little regard of his family's feelings, forfeits ownership of the lodge to the cold-hearted capitalist – with a Capital C – Mr. Willoughby.

Tom adores John, his elder by about five years. For Tom, going to war will be just like going out hunting for dinner's game, only this time he'll be shooting at "the Huns." He's young, he's eager and war is just a grown-up version of the games he plays in the summer militia.

Mr. Willoughy is played with chilling thoroughness by Tim Nicholson, who's earning a reputation on the Haliburton stage as a very compelling villain. He first shows his disregard for the lives of ordinary people by paying them little and treating them with even less dignity as they build his railway fortune for him. He then sees war as an even better way to make money, because all those soldiers will need guns and supplies. Who cares if they die? There will be others to follow.

The only man to speak out against the war is Tom's older brother Robert Ross, played by Mark Johnston. Robert's belief in peace is rooted in his faith of the God of the New Testament, a God who wants mankind to love one another. This God also commands that mankind takes care of its poor, its unwashed and its men in the Haliburton lumber camps. Deeply compelled to fight against this not-quite-inevitable war, Robert plans to go into those camps to drive up opposition to Canada's involvement.

Little wonder that he is smitten by John's sister Vera, who is played with such fiery luminescence by Kathryn Boyd that she threatens to eclipse those around her. She has such sharp-tongued rage, such passion, such strength of character, yet at the same time she can be disarmingly sweet.

She's counterbalanced by Lila Ross, the sometimes maddingly naïve – in this generation she'd be called a dumb blonde – sister of Tom and Ross. She loves handsome John in his dashing uniform and wants their summer romance to turn into something more. Using her feminine wiles – one of the few talents that could get a woman far in those days – she expertly maneouvres the conversation to include the hint of a marriage proposal and the desire to have children. John complies, but Johnson's portrayal makes it clear that when John returns from the war, Lila might not be part of his ambitious climb to power.

The use of feminine wiles also comes in handy for Chris Archer's Ada Ross, widowed mother of Tom, Lila and Robert and manager of the resort where the play takes place. When Mr. Willoughby arrives to look at his new acquisition, she tries to charm him into making her part of the package, bedroom and all – as long as he divorces his wife first. Mr. Willoughby is outraged that she should have such pretensions and lashes out with such intensity that one fears for those who stand in his way. (And to think Tim Nicholson is such a good-natured person in real life.)

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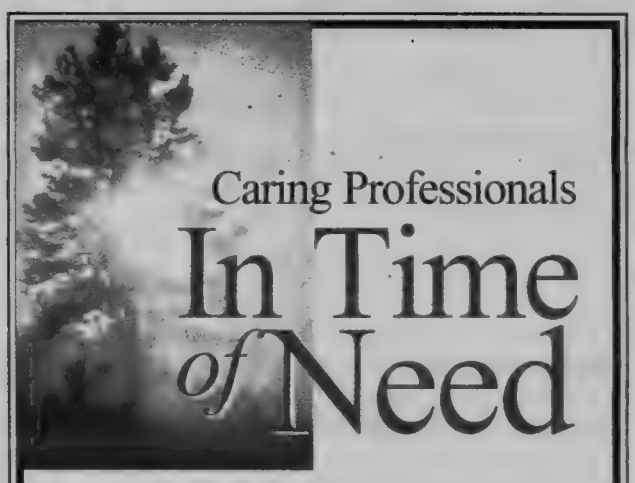

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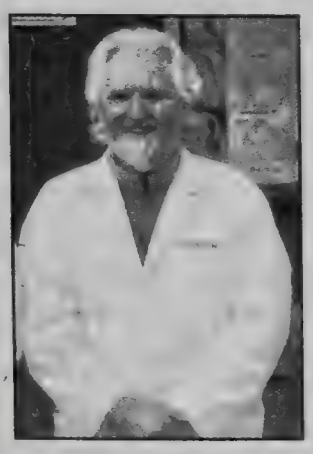

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Monologue reveals truth of war

from page 22

Nan Payne, played by Maureen Johnson, is more like an older version of Lila. The mother of the warring Vera and John, she admires both of her children, but Vera somewhat grudgingly. Vera makes life difficult. Vera fights against the role society has set out for her. And yet Vera is such a smart, impassioned young woman. Nan's love for John is much more clearcut. She wants what will make him happy, and if going off to war makes him happy, so be it. Recently widowed, she automatically defers to John, the new head of the household.

The resort scenes are both explosive and poignant, as the beauty and tranquility of the naural surroundings provides an incongruous backdrop to the heated debate about the war. The audience wishes they could stop time on this starry August evening so that the characters don't have to endure what lies ahead.

Although the play is set entirely at the lodge, the dramatic use of monologues moves time forward so that the characters can look back on who they were on that night.

Cathy Cox as Lila undergoes the most stunning transformation. One minute she's flouncing off the stage in virginal white, the next minute the spotlight glares down on the starched white collar and cap of her nurse's uniform. Cox lays bare Lila's soul, holding back not one ounce of emotional intensity, making it difficult for the audience to look at such naked pain.

Benton Brown, in the monologue that ends the play, also allows his character Tom to age over night, all t

he while keeping some of that young innocence about him. To get such intensity from such a young actor – Benton is a student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School – is a testament to both him and director Miller. It's no mean feat for a teenager to go into the no-man's land of pain and suffering.

Vera's monologue could have been filled with smug righteousness – since many of her warnings proved insightful – but mixed as it is with the deep sense of loss that comes with her brother's death, as well as the deaths of tens of thousands of other young Canadian men, there's no joy in being right.

John's monologue, like Tom's, reveals the truth of war. That it's not about glory and looking handsome in a uniform, it's about having to crawl through the mud-covered entrails of your fellow soldiers who have been blown to bits by enemy shells.

"Why, why didn't they tell us," he cries. "Didn't they know? Didn't they care? When will it be me?"

It's this passion that lets the play avoid the danger of being little more than an entertaining history lesson.

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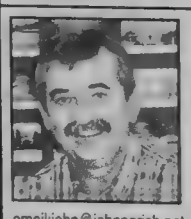

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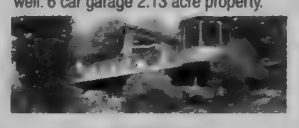

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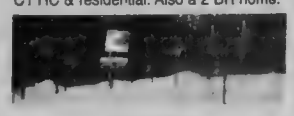

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Redner family needs love and support

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Eleanor Cooper
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Again sympathy is needed amongst us, this time for the family of Brad Redner, son of Doris Redner of Maple Lake. It is all the more trying because of the suddenness of Brad's death, as Carolyn and family will need love and support.

On Feb. 26 Brianne Mansfield's School of Highland Dance presented a dance recital at the Carnarvon Bowling Alley. The pipe band was invited to perform as well. The dancers, Brooke Mansfield, Andrew Mansfield, Kelsey Crowe, Emma Stephens, Rachel Burk, and Alexandra Miller-Gerard performed with lively grace and enjoyment.

Andrew also piped for two of the dancers as well as playing in the band. A silent auction table provided entertainment for the crowd as well as enhancing the admission contribution for the evening. Costumes and albums of the dances in their younger years were on display showing their successes in various competitions. Then there was the table of food! Macy Lloyd 2 years old of the Barry Line won a door prize and Brenda Bain won two.

Now about the Tsunami Relief event at the Guilford Centre on March 4th. About 60 people, performers and audience included, gathered to watch and listen to the Out Loud Womyn's Voices which began the event with appropriate choices of songs and a poem. Brianne Mansfield's Highland dancers performed, Adrian Martian played three piano solos, Julie Barbin's Heritage Ballet danced to perfection so beautifully, Wayne Cooper sang so well three songs (unaccompanied!) Kathleen and Earl played piano and fiddle tunes, John Pugh delighted us with harmonica selections and the evening closed with visiting over the refreshments generously donated.

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Applications marked **"CAO Position"**, stating salary expectations must be received at the above address on or before Friday, March 18, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

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Local light shone on day of prayer

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Hilda Clark
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People from this area joined others from across Canada and from many other countries in the annual World Day of Prayer. The service on Friday afternoon March 4, was at St. Margaret's Anglican Church. Entitled "Let Our Light Shine" this worship service was prepared by the women of Poland and reflected some of their culture and customs.

In Poland, as in many Slavic nations, bread and salt are symbols of hospitality and friendship. So everyone was welcomed with a little bread that had a light dusting of salt.

People from many churches participated by reading lessons and leading prayers. Theresa Matys accompanied the hymns on the organ. The theme of light was used throughout in the welcome, the prayers, the readings and the hymns. A fine reflection on the theme was given by the Reverend Sharon Melvin of St. Margarets. Most stayed for refreshments which included several Polish dishes.

Thanks to all for your participation, especially Elsie Lewis for leading and with help from others such as Flo Elliott in organizing.

Next year this World Day of Prayer Service will be held at the Wilberforce United Church.

Norma Walsh of Tory Hill died peacefully at the East General Hospital in Toronto on Thursday, March 3. Norma, who was 77, had been in hospital for many months after a tragic incident in her own driveway. Apparently her car was still in gear as she was getting out. She was knocked down and injured. Not a well person at the time, the injuries and other health problems has kept her hospitalized.

Norma was predeceased by her husband Stanley Walsh who like Norma (Gibson) grew up in Essonville. They lived, worked and raised their family in Oshawa, then retired to Tory Hill. Norma has been missed by friends at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624, Wilberforce and at St. Margaret's Church where she has been a member. She was very involved in the preservation of the historic Essonville Church which she attended in her younger days. Norma always enjoyed travel vacations.

The funeral service was held at St. Margaret's Church on Saturday, March 5, with the Rev. Sharon Melvin officiating. There was a time of visitation preceding the 1 p.m. service.

Condolences are extended to Norma's family, sons Dennis, Glen, Roger and Gary and their families and all of Norma's friends. Though missing her, she is now at rest after a long struggle.

Want to meet some published authors? Would you like some ideas on realizing your dream of writing, learn about the business side of writing? On Saturday, March 19, beginning at 1 p.m. there will be an event called "Writers Round Table" in Room 7 at Sir Sandford Fleming in Haliburton.

Shirley McCormick, Michael Barnes and Dorothea Helms have generously agreed to address topics that will be of help to writers. Shirley has written novels, one entitled "Seasons at Redstone Creek" set in cottage country as well poetry. Michael, also from The Haliburton Highlands, a prolific writer, is the author of 45 books including "Wolves and the Haliburton Forest" and "The Essential Haliburton: Discover Highland Ontario". Dorothea co-owns the successful writing business "Write Stuff" Writing Services and the "Writing Fairy" is from the Durham Region. She really enjoys inspiring others to write. The fee for this event is $5. to cover cost of refreshments and other expenses. Call Pauline Johnson at 489-3878 to register. That's not long distance from Wilberforce and area.

Congratulations to the Highland Little Theatre on their excellent presentation last week of the Michael Fay play, "Never Such Innocence Again". Very interesting to be entertained by a play set in our own Highlands played by such competent actors and a well designed set. Best wishes to the author and the Little Theatre group. We hope the play is a winner with their Samuel French Company as a new play and with the Eastern Ontario Drama League in which the play has been entitled.

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- **DATE:** Monday, April 4th, 2005
- **TIME:** 5:00 PM.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office, Haliburton Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Douglas:
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Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 7th day of March, 2005.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S.,MCIP, RPP
Municipal Planner

Believe it or not, spring is almost here

Just ask all the noisy little critters at the feeder

community news

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Valerie Smith
448-3640

March 20: the exact day that separates winter from spring will soon be here. The other day it was not only fresh air that came floating through the window but the sounds of a Blue Jay's cry screaming "Thief! Thief! Thief!" I went out on the back deck to see what his problem was and there was a visiting squirrel hanging upside down on the feeder and swinging merrily back and forth, all the while trying to get seed from Jay's feeder. I shooed him away and glanced at the magnificent icicles hanging from the house eaves. I watched fascinated as the warm sunlight melted the snow on the steel roof allowing melting water to drip down the column of ice. The sun was shining through them and they dazzled with infinite beauty and incomprehensible understanding of their being able to just be. Icicles glistening with life, born out of melting water dripping down along edges and refreezing in the cool air to form a column of such beauty.

I thought of how some family traditions grow from one family member to include a whole family. I thought of the recent Coghlan Family project. It was just this past September that Dale Coghlan, eldest son of Dorothy and Tom, passed away. Their son Dale lived the CL's vision "that all persons live in a state of dignity, share in all elements of living in the community and have the opportunity to participate effectively."

Following Dale's death, it was noted that year in and year out, Dale was the top fundraiser for charities and would spend 18 hours a day selling chocolate-covered almonds and those sales records would probably never be matched. Dale faithfully bowled in the Bowl For Kids Sake held by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hastings and Prince Edward County. He believed the Big Brother Big Sister Program had a very positive impact on children. As in a quote from Mahatma Gandhi, Dale believed "Be the change you want to see in the world."

His icicle did not break apart upon his death. This year when the Bowl for Kids Sake Challenge was sounded there were three teams of six Coghlan Family and Friends, ranging in ages from 5 to 70 years old, who met the challenge. Pledge money was collected and a gallant group of 26 went down to join in the bowling and fun. His brothers, Tom Jr. and Lyle, not only bowled but also played some of their famous Coghlan tunes that Dale enjoyed so much.

His family and friends raised $2,331 in his memory and all are very proud of the Dale Coghlan Memorial Plaque that hangs in the Belleville Big Brothers Office along side Dale's picture. Through the efforts of Dale's parents and all the others, Dale's beliefs will continue to grow and glisten with life.

A big thank you for a very successful community endeavour goes out to South Algonquin General Store, Agnew's General Store, Wilberforce IGA, Schwandt Aggregates, Schwandt TIM BR Mart and John Bowers of the South Algonquin Cookhouse who worked together to provide the "Loonie Lunch" at the South Algonquin Cookhouse. A total of $1,100 was raised when patrons were given the opportunity to pay just a "loonie or a donation" for a great lunch. Money raised were donated as follows: $500 for the Haliburton Hospice, $500 for Wilberforce Elementary School and $100 to the Haliburton Trails and Tours. Just super dooper!

It is great to see that Algonquin Cookhouse and General Store is the hot spot destination for snowmobilers and a favourite with local community members. The "Especially For You on Easter" March 27 menu looks very inviting. Shake those winter blues and check it out!

As trustee for Trillium Lakelands District School Board I am very happy to announce that the Board is now able to provide the World Book Encyclopedia on line to all of our TDSB students and their families at no charge. The website includes all articles from the 22-volume print set plus thousands of additional articles, pictures, maps and media. This will be of great use for help with homework, special projects and at home learning. Parents take your children to this exciting web site - http/www.worldbookonline.com. In the login ID box type in: tldsb and in the password box type in: think.

Also, this week the Term Two report cards will be coming home with your child. Spend some time with your child going over the comments and set out some goals if necessary. Use the Encyclopedia web site to help them and encourage them to regard school assignments and homework with lots and lots of enthusiasm. Invest in your child's or grandchild's future now.

Mel and I had the opportunity to see Michael Fay's play "Never Such Innocence Again" at the Highlands Little Theatre the other night. The play takes on the diverse human responses to war. It was filled with insight and passion and provoked very strong emotions. The play shows a great amount of acting talent and draws everyone from the audience into a world of wonder, horror and pity. I found myself feeling emotionally sorry for the characters as they proposed peace and looked for humanitarian alternatives to war.

Caryl Miller did an excellent job directing the play and the costumes were so accurate and correct to the period. We both felt the performance was an outstanding, moving piece and the cast very well chosen. Anyone who appreciates a truly incredible and captivating play will enjoy Never Such Innocence Again.

As of May 1 the Harcourt Community Centre will become a smoke free establishment. Please remember the Community Centre is available for rent for weddings, anniversaries, birthday parties, etc. For further information, please call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

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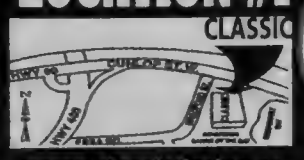

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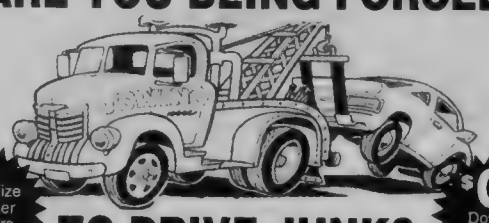

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WE WOULD LIKE TO express our sincere appreciation to everyone who was there for us during Mom's illness and her final days. Special thanks to Kristy Gammon and staff of the Haliburton Hospital, you allowed us to make the hospital our home and be all together as a family. Thank you to all of our family friends and neighbours for keeping us going with all of your nourishment and your support, visits, cards, flowers. And to the staff at Extendicare for your genuine care and concern for Mom. Also thank you to Andrea and Monti and the staff at Bonnie View for the beautiful reception after the funeral, that meant so much to us all, and we know Mom wouldn't have wanted it any other way. Thanks again. **Brad, Rob, Terri and families.**

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST
BRADLEY MILES REDNER
Passed away suddenly at home at Maple Lake on
Monday, February 28, 2005.
In his 54th year.

Beloved husband of Carolyn (Johnston). Loving father of Mike, Jason and grandpa of Rebecca. Dear son of Doris and her husband the late John Redner (1985), and son-in-law of Ruby Johnston. Dear brother of Jim and his wife Beth, Mervin and his wife Cindy, and brother-in-law of Linda Johnston and Blake MacDuff, Mervin and Barb Johnston, Judy and Merle Graham, Shirley and Norm McDonald. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. Funeral Service was in the Chapel on Thursday, March 3, 2005 at 2 p.m. Spring Interment at the Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon. A reception will be held at the Zion United Church in the Education Centre. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Soceity would be appreciated by the family.

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AT REST
NORMA M. (nee Gibson) WALSH
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Passed away peacefully at the East General Hospital, Toronto
on
Thursday, March 3, 2005
At the age of 77.

Beloved wife of the late Stanley William Walsh. Dear mother of Dennis, Glen, Roger, and Gary. Loving grandmother of 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to visit the family at St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Wilberforce on Saturday, March 5, 2005 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Service at 1:00 p.m. Family Interment to be arranged. Memorial donations to the Essonville Historical Community Church would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ont. K0M 2K0.

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CLEELAND, KENNETH ROBERT – In loving memory of Kenneth Robert Cleeland (Proprietor - Sunnyside B&B). Peacefully at home in Haliburton with wife Bonnie and his pet dog, Molly at his side on Wednesday afternoon, March 2, 2005 in his 73rd year. Father of Michael of St. Catharines and Graeme of Vancouver, B.C. Dear grandfather of Zachary and Elizabeth. Survived by his sister Doris of Virginia, USA and his brother Alan and sister-in-law Margaret in Ireland. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457–9209 on Monday afternoon, March 7, 2005 for Funeral Service at 2 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Service (HHHS Foundation), Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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McELWAIN, GERALDINE – In loving memory of Geraldine McElwain (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario) On Wednesday afternoon, March 2, 2005 in her 59th year. Beloved wife of William (Bill) McElwain. Loving mother of Sandy and her husband David Micallef of Haliburton. Fondly remembered by her granddaughter Willow. Dear sister of Zelda and Valerie. Predeceased by her son Stephen McElwain and sister Yvonne and brother Henry. Also remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ont. (705) 457–9209 on Saturday afternoon, March 5, 2005 from 1 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 3 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated by the family.

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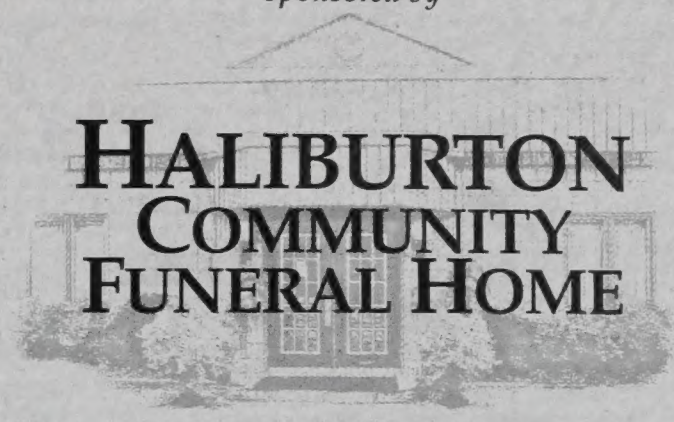

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CURRENT EVENTS

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- **Mar. 8:** The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers and Spinners invite you to their monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the Month. (Tues., Mar. 8th) at Pritchard House, 9 a.m. Watercolour Monoprinting, Wendy Wood (paint on plexiglass, put paper over and lift image) materials will be available, limit of 15 participants. 1:30 p.m. General meeting.
- **Mar. 9, 16:** St. Paul's Minden – Lenten Service and Toonie Lunch in aid of Minden Food Bank is at 12 p.m. Different speaker at each service.
- **Mar. 11:** Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Stew and Biscuit Lunch at the Haliburton Legion on Friday, March 11th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Entertainment by Kathleen Owens and Earl Cooper. Pay at the door. Please come and support this fundraiser for the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary. For more info call 457-3030.
- **Mar. 11:** Join Community Care Haliburton County and Wheels to Meals at the Martin Wood Resort in Harcourt. Lunch begins at 12 noon. Call Eileen at 448-2596 to reserve.
- **Mar. 13:** The Lochlin Community Centre invites you to enjoy a St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck Dinner March 13th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. A delicious variety of Irish Stews will be provided. Please bring your favourite salad or desert. Admission is by donation.
- **Mar. 15:** Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group monthly meeting. Held the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info. call Rick Ratcliff 286-6699.
- **Mar. 16:** Big Buck Bid Euchre – Come join us for some fun at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441, Kinmount, Ontario. Held the third Wednesday of the Month. Hope to see you soon. For info. call Alice 488-3271.
- **Mar. 16:** Open House – Elva Bates invites you to view and discuss the content and layout of: "A Journey through Glamorgan's past" Part 1 'In Fact' Chapter 2, 'The Early Settlers'. Ward 2 Municipal building, Gooderham. Wed., Mar. 16, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Mar. 17:** St. Patrick's Day dinner – Irish Stew and Biscuits. Minden United Church 21 Newcastle St., Thurs., Mar. 17, 5-7 p.m. Come and join us for an evening of food and fellowship. Advance tickets at Minden Pharmasave or by calling 457-1424 or 286-3286. Tickets also available at the door.
- **Mar. 19:** Spring Craft & Bake Sale. Sat., March 19 at the Gooderham United Church. 9 to 2 p.m. – Easter Theme. Spring is in the air. Light lunch and refreshments available.
- **Mar. 21:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton. Monday, Mar. 21, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Hyland Crest Meeting Classroom. Caring with confidence. Please call Janet Bottum at the Alzheimer Society Office 457-8335 to register. Refreshments served.
- **Mar. 23:** Public Forum on Early Intervention in Youth mental Health. Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Free Admission. Food provided. Call 1-888-454-8875 and leave a message to reserve seats and register childcare requirements.
- **Mar. 24:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton. Monday, Mar. 21, 10 a.m. - noon, held at the Haliburton Home Support office. Caring with confidence. Please call Janet Bottum at the Alzheimer Society Office 457-2941 to register. Refreshments served.

ON GOING EVENTS

- **Join us at the Ontario Early Years Centre** in Haliburton, Tuesday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for songs, crafts, early learning activities and free play. Call Stephanie at 457-2989 for more information on what's happening new at our centre.
- **Attention all Dads**: Why not give Mom a break this Saturday and make some lasting memories with your child? Fathers who drop by enjoy building castles in the construction zone and creating masterpieces in the art room. The Ontario Early Years Centre (lower level Halco Plaza) is open Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Have an adventure with your child this Saturday. For more information on our programming, call Stephanie at 457-2989.
- **Moms and Babies** drop by every Thursday morning to share the joys and wonders of parenting. The Health unit visits the third Thursday of every month at 11 a.m. for a Well information, call Stephanie at 457-2989.
- **The Breastfeeding Promotion Network** meets the forth Thursday of every month at 11 a.m. at the Haliburton Ontario Early Years Centre. If you are or were a breastfeeding mother and if you are interested in making et easier for women to breastfeed their babies in Haliburton County please join us. Children welcome.
- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636, Minden** holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., except for the months of January and February.
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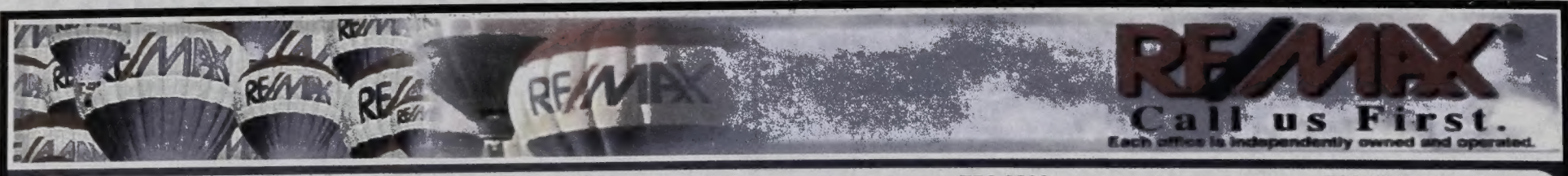

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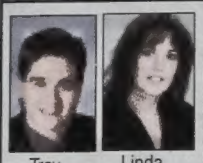


Troy Austen* Linda Baumgartner*
457-1011

WATERFRONT HOME

Dreamed of living on the lake? This is the perfect opportunity! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full bsmt, 200 ft of western exposure, drilled well & septic. Immaculate condition. Move in and enjoy!!

$289,000

BE YOUR OWN BOSS!

Excellent business opportunity. Thriving restaurant/cafe, good books, good location, large loyal client base. Call Linda and Troy for more details.

$159,000

Ken Barry** & Deb Deremo*
457-1011

ESSON LAKE HOME

Beautifully finished 2+ 1 BR home/cottage. Custom maple kitchen, hardwood fl & ceramics enhance the open concept. Lg front deck, w/o basement, dbl att garage, on a moderately sloping, landscaped lot. Great shoreline for swimming & boating. Value priced.

$349,900

LITTLE REDSTONE LAKE

3+ BR home/cottage on lg level lot w/sand beach, mature trees, & SW exp. Hdwd firs, oil & wood stoves, gazebo, & plenty of decking overlooking lk. Dbl det garage w/single carport-loads of room for all the toys. Enjoy miles of boating & snowmobiling from this property located next to Haliburton Forest & Wildlife.

$549,900

Geoff Bunn* & Miranda Newman*
457-1011

BONHAM LAKE

Extremely private 176 acres with over 1600 feet frontage with a beautiful sand beach. The cottage is full of old country charm. Many possibilities. For more information, call Geoff Bunn & Miranda Newman.

$699,900

Fred Chapple*
286-2911

ENJOY THE PANORAMIC LAKE VIEW

Your 2 Bedroom (could be 3) cottage with sunroom, living room with fireplace, 2 lg decks, new bathroom, new roof & siding. Enjoy the "call of the loons". Comes fully furnished - just bring the groceries & your favorite bathing suit! Call Fred.

Asking $149,500

Victor Disik*
286-2911

ONE MILE OF BACKYARD

This one of a kind property boasts over 400 acres of land backing onto 2000 acres of Crown Land. A three bedroom home with over 1300 sq. ft. of living space on one floor. Granite fireplace for cozy winter nights and air conditioned for sultry summer weather. Ski-doo and ATV trails on the property. Bonus two 2 car garages, one heated for the toys. Only 2 hours to Toronto. Ask for Victor Disik.

Asking $449,000

Vince Duchene**
457-1011

70 ACRES PLUS 140' OF W/F ON KOSHLONG LAKE!

Build for seclusion or to overlook the lake.
Fantastic opportunity to have it all and under $100,000!
Call today for more details!

Lenor Fulton * Tracy Ackerblade*
286-2911

MAIN STREET MINDEN

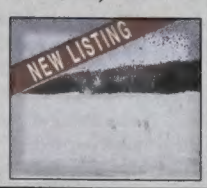
Are you looking to start a business in Minden? This Main St. location has many possibilities. It boasts a 3 bedroom apartment upstairs with a separate entrance. This cute as a button store is zoned C-1. Look no further and call Tracy or Lenor.

$173,000

WATERFRONT ACREAGE

Enjoy the sunsets over your own lake. This property features approx. 1500' of shoreline & the land is lightly treed. Situated close to the Town of Minden, this spot is the perfect place for your private retreat. Call Tracy Ackerblade or Lenor Fulton.

$79,000



Julie Gray*

REDSTONE LAKE

Spectacular architecturally designed cottage/home dominating the famouns Redstone sand beach. Luxurious 4500 sq ft with 250 ft beach frontage on 2 deep, level serviced lots, incl add'l bldg site, on paved municipal rd. Huge principal rooms with massive see through granite FP on both levels, 6 BR, 4 baths, and numerous exceptional features including economical advanced geothermal heating/AC system.

$1,250,000

Bill Kulas*

EAGLE LAKE

Fabulous 4 season waterfront home/cottage on pristine Eagle Lake. Only minutes from the ski slopes w/miles of summertime boating, shared ownershop in 160 acres of hardwoods for the hiking enthusiast. Many extras. Check out the virtual tour at www.billkulas.com. Call Bill Kulas to book your personal appt. at 705-286-2911 Ext #44

New Price $558,500

GLENGARRIAN RESORT

Turnkey family run resort on pristine Halls Lk, one of Ontario's deepest & clearest lakes. Over 430' of beautiful shoreline w/a spectacular big lk view. Charming main lodge (home) w/4 guest cottages. This property is truly a rare find. Ideal for your private family compound, studio or home occupation venture. Call Bill today for details.

New Price $489,500

Linda Beachli***
457-1011

PINE STREET

2700 sq. ft., 4 bdrm., architecturally designed, timber sided country home. Open concept with great room, dining room & kitchen flowing around the large stone 2 storey fireplace. Cedar deck balcony off upstairs bdrm.
Linda Beachli/Peter Brady
457-1011

$469,000

HWY #118

This property is situated on 6.7 acres on Hwy. 118. The 9894 sq. ft. building consists of 6213 sq. ft. for parts & service, a 2116 sq. ft. mezzanine, a 3 bdrm apt. and a large parking lot.
Linda Beachli/Peter Brady
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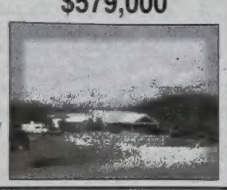
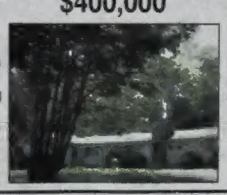
$579,000



COUNTY ROAD 1

High profile location opposite hospital and new medical clinic. This expansive 1400 sq. ft. home & double car garage is situated on 7 acres of property that has a special mixed zoning use.
Linda Beachli/Peter Brady
457-1011

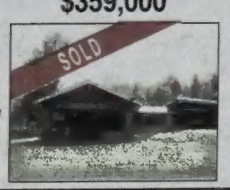
$400,000



COMMERCIAL

Prime 3.5 acres on a high traffic corner lot. Large bright 1500 sq. ft. bungalow with a huge 8000 sq. ft. storage barn & a separate 28'x40' garage. Zoned CH.
Linda Beachli/Peter Brady
457-1011

$359,000



Peter Brady**
457-1011

Cathy Lancia**
754-4242

LITTLE REDSTONE LAKE

Fabulous round log home on Pristine Little Redstone Lake. Over 3000 sq ft, with 500 ft of clean rock & sand lakefront. Stone fireplaces, 3 washrooms, jacuzzi, 3 bedrooms. 8.03 acres. HIGHEST SALE PRICE ON REDSTONE LAKE.

$875,000

WATERFRONT LOT ON BIG REDSTONE LAKE

Waterfront lot on Big Redstone Lake. Shallow frontage, well treed, private year round setting. 200 ft frontage with almost 1 acre, gentle slope to level building site.

$69,700

Rick Lowes*
286-2911

HALIBURTON VILLAGE

Lovely 4 bedroom home on a level lot. Lots of character. Features include 10 foot ceilings, french doors, fireplace, formal dining room, plus lots more. Call now.

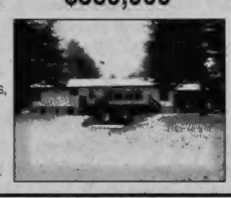
$159,900

Karen Nimigon*
457-1011

MOORE FALLS

4-Season W/F home/cottage! move in and enjoy. main level w/oak flrs, 2 bdrm, mstr w/Ensuite & WI closet, lrg LR w/FP, kitchen w/Elmira stove, skylights, wood walls., 3 baths, den, W/O bsmt w/2 bdrms, games+fam rm, 3 lake chain, sandy beach area, snowmobile trails nearby. Call Karen 457-1011 ext. 224.

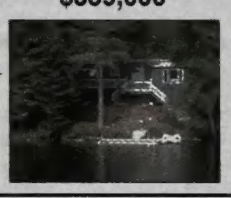
$339,900



4-SEASON FUN!

Turn key, fully winterized 2 bdrm cottage w/pine walls & floors, open concept kit/DR, large LR w/stone fireplace. 350 sq ft BUNKIE, 170' sand + rock shoreline. 3 lake chain, private nicely treed 1.1 acre lot. Call Karen today @ 457-1011 ext. 224.

$339,000



Tom** & Gail* Tempest*
286-2911

WATERFRONT LOT

Kashagawigamog Lake - Panoramic view of one of Haliburton's prime lakes. Almost 2 acres of pristine woods. Driveway in. Building site cleared. Elevated & sloping lot with 117 feet of shoreline. Priced to sell!

$189,000

PRIVACY PLUS

This home boasts 1400 sq ft of main floor living space w/a full unfinished w/o basement. Situated on 100 acres, no road noise, wildlife galore & beautiful surroundings. Welll built raised bungalow, hardwood & ceramic floors. Wrap around 3 sided porch. Call for all the details today.

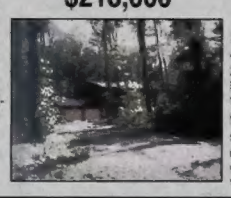
$295,000

Elizabeth Thompson*
457-1011

HALIBURTON SOUTH KASHAGAWIGAMOG

Hilltop home - 2+1 raised bungalow, full w/o basement, LR/DR combo, pine accents, cathedral ceilings, att. garage, hot tub, balcony & decks, landscaped gardens, bunkie, steel roofs, great family home.

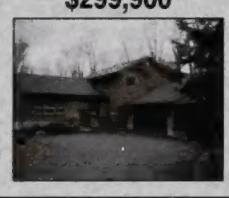
$218,000

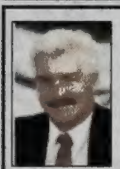


LAKE VIEW COUNTRY HOME

Spacious! Spotless! Secluded! 4 bdrm brick & cedar Viceroy-2500 sq ft in area of fine homes. Ideal for entertaining. Watch the sunsets over the lake from sunken fam rm & solarium kit. Formal LR/DR, fr doors, cath ceils, cent air, cent vac. new roof. Close Village....Call Elizabeth.

$299,900



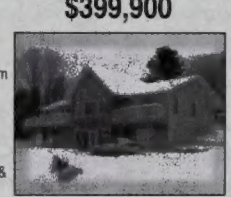


Ted Vasey*
457-1011

HALIBURTON EMMERSON COURT

Oustanding exec[illegible] home with feat[illegible] that include spacious [illegible] living rm with [illegible] ceilings, sun porch, dining rm, FP in family rm, MBR ensuite, 4 bedrooms, oak floors, attached garage, beautiful view over Head lake, access & dock at lake, a must see!

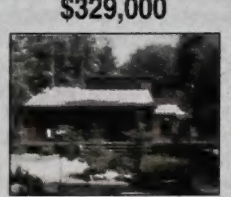
$399,900

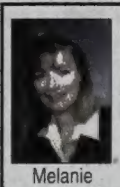


3 LAKE CHAIN

Miles of boating on Redstone Lake. Spotless custom-built cedar home/cottage, open bright kitchen with island & dining area, w/o living rm w/cathedral ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 24'x28' finished garage & open finished loft, very private setting, sand shoreline.

$329,000





Melanie Vigrass*
286-2911

MINDEN LAKE

Entertain family and friends at this 5 bedroom & bunkie cottage, set on a sloping lot with tall pines & spruce providing privacy. Features incl: large dock at water, sand shoreline, wraparound deck and fireplace with insert.
Call Melanie to view.

$219,000

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The Cottage Life SHOW

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*Sales Rep ** Broker ***Broker/Owner